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Dear Parents,

As you know, late Monday afternoon, November 9, 2020, the Camden County Department of Health informed me of approximately 3 dozen new positive COVID-19 cases in Cherry Hill among children aged 7-18, representing multiple schools in our district. [The department strongly recommended that we not open our school buildings to children](#) and that all Cherry Hill Public Schools students remain at home and follow the all-remote learning model until further notice. We felt compelled to follow that recommendation. This was a disappointment not only for our families, but for our teachers, our administrators and me. In my communications, I promised to relay any changes to our return date directly to the community.

On Tuesday, after subsequent conversations and consultation with the Department of Health and the Executive County Superintendent, we were given the green light to bring students back to our classrooms. [Dr. Paschal Nwako, the County Health Officer/Public Health Coordinator, assured us that the department's contact tracing process made them confident that our hybrid learning students can return to our buildings.](#) We will allow students in Cohort A back into our buildings beginning Tuesday, November 17 and Cohort B beginning Wednesday, November 18. Special Education students in Cohort A/B will return beginning Tuesday, November 17 and attend Tuesday-Friday each week.

Like many of you, the educators of the Cherry Hill Public Schools have been on an emotional roller coaster with these directives. We all wish the path through this pandemic were predictable and easy to navigate. Our reality is quite the opposite. With the decision to transition to the Hybrid Learning Model next week comes the possibility that we may receive guidance not to do so, if the community health status changes. We will remain in contact with Camden County Department of Health and will communicate as soon as possible any changes in our plan. One thing that remains steady is our schools' and staff's preparedness and eagerness to welcome back our students. With patience and grace, focusing on what is best for children, we will continue to move forward.

Our ability to bring students back successfully rests with everyone's commitment to taking all appropriate measures to minimize the spread of the virus as directed by [the Camden County Department of Health, Gov. Phil Murphy](#), and the [CDC](#). Parents, please continue to screen your children every day and please adhere to the recommended mitigation practices. We all want the very best experience for our students, under the safest possible conditions. [Please see our FAQ for additional information.](#)

Please stay safe. We look toward the week of November 16 with optimism.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph N. Meloche
Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools