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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the course of the past few weeks our district has spent time reevaluating our situation with regard to reopening schools. As you know, my September 4 letter had informed the community we would begin to gradually bring students back to school for in-person learning starting with grades K and 1. The reevaluation has led us to the conclusion that we can continue our phase in approach. Beginning on **Tuesday, September 29, we will bring back students in grades 4-5 for in-person learning according to the hybrid schedule. On Monday, October 5, we will also bring back students in grades 2-3 for in-person learning according to the hybrid schedule.** I recognize that this is different from what I discussed at our Board of Education meeting, but one of the many lessons we've learned during this pandemic is that plans change and we must adapt with flexibility and resilience, ultimately doing what is best for our children. The Readington community has already proven to be masters of these skills and I am confident that this time will be no different.

Below are some important reminders:

- We will be utilizing our hybrid schedule for A and B days, all **Wednesdays are fully virtual until all students return after October 19.** Please refer to the school calendar for the A/B day rotation.
- The district will continue to operate on an early dismissal schedule as these grade-levels return to school. No lunch will be served, please ensure your child eats breakfast and provide your child a snack.
- Parents who opted for children to be fully virtual regardless of our reopening plans will remain fully virtual. If you wish to make a change, please contact your principal.
- Transportation will be provided to those families who previously selected to receive school transportation. The routes will be available in *Genesis*.
- Parents must log into *Genesis* each morning to fill out the COVID-19 Daily Pre-Screening symptoms assurance form. The *Genesis* announcement will come to you a few days prior to your child's start to school.
- All students are required to wear a mask. New guidance from the Hunterdon County Health Department has informed us that neck gaiters, bandanas, and masks with vents are unacceptable face coverings. Please refer to your school's Virtual Backpack page for more information.
- Students who are eligible for ESL services will be attending 4 days per week as previously scheduled. A reminder letter to eligible students will be sent from the Pupil Services Office.

In addition, we continue to need substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have 60 college credits, or know someone else who does, and you are interested in becoming a substitute please [click here](#) for a Google Form or contact Lisa DeTommaso at 908-534-2896.

We look forward to welcoming our students back for in-person learning using this approach. Our district will send out communications as our phases for in-person learning continue. We have begun to focus attention on Readington Middle School in an effort to bring students back no later than October 19. We thank you for your patience and resilience as we navigate this ever-changing situation.

Sincerely,

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