

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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News

This was a very special week as each of our schools announced their Governor's Educator of the Year awardees. This honor is all the more special given that they were chosen from among all of the outstanding faculty and staff that serve our students everyday. The awards went to: at Freehold Learning Center Teacher Christine Stewart and Educational Services Professional Jeannine Contract, at Park Avenue Elementary Teacher Irene McFadden and Educational Services Professional Lynn Curry, and at Freehold Intermediate School Teacher Christina Van Horn and Educational Services Professional Erin Marx. We thank them and all of our faculty and staff for the work they do in our community each day.

Regarding COVID, cases continue to increase statewide. We became aware of four new positive cases in the schools this past week. Overall this is lower than our surrounding region, but higher than we had been experiencing. There are currently a total of 60 students in quarantine who are receiving virtual instruction. There have been no known cases of in school transmission. There is a lot of discussion on "test to stay" models to reduce the length of time an unvaccinated student who is a close contact with a covid positive individual would have to quarantine. So far no guidance has been issued from the New Jersey Department of Health or Education on such procedures, but there is increasing discussions in Monmouth County examining what this would look like. As these discussions progress I will update you. In all of the proposals I have seen parents would still have the option of quarantining their child for the full quarantine period if they were a close contact.

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 13: Board of Education Meeting, PAC Library & Virtual, 7:00 pm

Monday, December 20: Interim - Marking Period 2 Ends

Thursday, December 23: Early Dismissal all Schools

Friday, December 24: Start of Winter Recess

Monday, January 3: Schools re-open

Regards,

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Superintendent

