

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers

The Freehold Health Department is holding a COVID vaccine clinic for ages 5 and up tomorrow Saturday 11/20 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Park Avenue Complex gym. Enter through door #5. More info in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

The YMCA is hiring all positions in the before and aftercare programs that they offer at Freehold Learning Center. You can apply online at www.ymcanj.org/employment. More info can be found [here](#)

News

This coming Monday evening, November 22nd at 7:00 pm the District's engineer will present at the Board of Education meeting about conceptual plans being put together to construct enclosed classrooms in the large instructional area at Freehold Learning Center. We are in the very preliminary stages of designing a plan and this will be the first of many presentations on the topic. If approved by the state and federal government, funding for this construction project will come from pandemic federal funds the District was awarded. I previously outlined that this plan will be executed in multiple steps over the next few years starting with replacement of rooftop HVAC units and ductwork in that area to accommodate enclosed classrooms. I will update you as this continues to progress.

Regarding COVID there are currently 38 students in quarantine and one new COVID positive case. There have been no known cases of in school transmission to date.

Heading into the week of Thanksgiving in such a turbulent year it may be hard to find things to be thankful for. There is still a lot of uncertainty about the future. Freehold Borough faces the same challenges the rest of the world is facing. COVID has lasted much longer than anyone thought it would. When we were in the thick of things in March 2020 I envisioned us all returning to school within a few weeks and having a large assembly to thank all those who went above and beyond during the crisis. Of course the pandemic continued on and it would be more than a year before anyone could come together to any degree. I am thankful for our educators and students who continue to persevere through the challenges of returning to full day in person instruction. I am thankful for our parents and guardians for their participation in and support of the schools. I remain forever thankful for our cafeteria staff, custodians, security staff, technology department, support staff and administrators who kept coming in person to work last year when most of the world was at home. Whatever challenges we face together there is a lot to be thankful for in Freehold Borough.

This coming Wednesday, November 24th is an early dismissal day and the District is closed Thursday 11/25 and Friday 11/26. I wish you all peace during the upcoming holiday season.

Regards,
Joseph Howe, Ed.D
Superintendent

