

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Flyers

The Borough is hosting a vaccine clinic tomorrow from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the firehouse. Details [here](#)

### News

As you may be aware the District is receiving federal funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds due to the pandemic. This money is being used to fund additional programs and positions I outlined previously such as an additional guidance counselor, technology technician, 3 ESL teachers, a speech therapist, technology devices, and learning acceleration programs both after school and in the summer. While this is one time funding we hope to be able to sustain these additional important positions through the budget process as long as the District continues to receive the additional share of state aid we are entitled to under the school funding reform law commonly referred to as "S2". We remain vigilant in making sure the District receives the state funding it is entitled to under the law.

Along with these critical programs and positions this federal funding may present an opportunity to continue to renovate and add to our school buildings. We are currently performing feasibility studies on creating enclosed classroom spaces in the large instructional area at Freehold Learning Center and adding a small classroom wing addition onto Park Avenue Elementary School. We are in the very initial stages of this process confirming space requirements, logistics, and making sure we will have enough funding from these programs to complete the project. As these plans continue to take shape I will update you on it.

Regarding COVID there are currently 22 students in quarantine. There was a positive case in school that we learned about today, contact tracing has been completed and all appropriate parties notified. There have been no known cases of in school transmission.

### Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 4 - No School - District Closed

Friday, November 5 - No School - District Closed

Monday, November 8 - 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (PAC Library & Virtual)

Regards,

Joe Howe

Joseph Howe, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

