

FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Freehold Regional Families,

As you may be aware, over the past month we have had to temporarily close five of our six schools due to COVID-19 cases in consultation with our local departments of health. Now as the holiday season is upon us, we are seeing an increase of external COVID-19 cases spreading in the wider community. While we have implemented every safety measure available to us and have had no issues with in-school transmission, we are not immune to the rising number of cases in the western Monmouth County area.

As superintendent, my focus is the health and safety of our students and staff. Therefore, the entire Freehold Regional High School District will proactively transition to Full-time Remote Learning directly after the winter break **on Monday, January 4, 2021 through Friday, January 8, 2021**, to mitigate any impact to the health and safety of our school communities due to the very real possibility of holiday gatherings and COVID-19 transmission. During the Full-time Remote Learning period, **all in-door athletics and activities will be suspended**. All staff and students will continue to follow the partial-day schedule and participate remotely via Google Meets. Staff and students will resume in-person school and participating in activities via the Hybrid Schedule on **Monday, January 11, 2021**.

I realize how challenging this year has been for our students and families and ask for your continued support as we navigate this fluid circumstance. We know that the safety protocols we have implemented are effective and will allow us to return to in-person learning as soon as possible.

If at any time you require assistance for your student during the Full-time Remote Learning period, please do not hesitate to reach out to your high school's faculty and administrative team. We are all in this together and want all our students to succeed.

While our students may not be in school during this time, please continue to notify your building administrators if your student becomes ill or tests positive for COVID-19.

We are constantly evaluating the situation and will continue to consult with local and state health officials on all information and data related to COVID-19 to ensure the safety of our school community. We will continue to put the safety and well-being of our students and staff first.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Sampson, Ed.D.
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