



WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

PORT READING SCHOOL #9

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Greeting School 9 Families,

I am sure by now that many of you have reviewed Dr. Zega's video and read his letter that contained information on our pivot back to Phase I. The Woodbridge Township School District will be fully remote starting Monday, November 23, 2020—January 19, 2021. We were remote until the 23rd of November so now it will be until January 19th, 2021. The decision was made by the district based upon the following statistical information:

The number of cases in our community is as high as it was in April. The increased number of positive cases in the community increases the probability of a transmission in school since we have people gathered in classrooms. We have been able to prevent outbreaks in schools because of a combination of 2 things: 1) our preventive measures, and 2) because the number of community members who could possibly be positive (statistically) was low.

Even though we had positive people in our buildings, we were able to prevent outbreaks because there were relatively few people who came in who were positive. The daily new case rate is now about 10 times what it was in September, which increases the statistical probability of more positive people coming into our schools, which will increase the probability of an outbreak. By reducing the number of people in our schools, we can reduce the chance of a widespread, tragic outbreak.

Below is some important information for you and your children while we are fully remote.

- The main office will be open periodically. The best way to communicate with office staff and nurse, including myself is via email. You can also call the main office line with questions and your call will either be directed to Mrs. DeLeo or you will need to leave a message; she will return all calls within 24 hours.
- There is no change in class schedules and the amount of times teachers will be providing live instruction. Class schedules and teacher video conferencing will continue, as it has been for the past few months. Special area classes will continue to be implemented in the daily schedules as well. Should the teacher have to adjust something, they will let you know with prior notice.
- Wednesday, December 2, 2020, will be an asynchronous (posted lessons-no live instruction) day for all elementary students. Parent/Teacher conferences may be scheduled for this day, along with the rest of the week. All conferences will be done via Zoom. Because of conferences, any classes that your child may have had in the afternoons may be asynchronous due to the teacher having conferences. If it is changed for that week, the teacher will let you know.

- Report cards are available in Genesis now. Reminder, there are no report cards for Marking Period 1 for Kindergarten and First Grade. Honor Roll will run for 4th and 5th Grade for Marking Period 1.
- There are no specialized programs that will run at School 9, therefore, the entire building will be closed until January 19, 2021. If at any point you do need to visit the school for some reason, we will schedule an appointment for you to do so.

Sincerely,
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