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FOURTH MARKING PERIOD SURVEY

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE POWERSCHOOL FORM, YOUR CHILD WILL REMAIN IN THE SAME COHORT/100% VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOR THE 4TH MARKING PERIOD.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Below you will find a link to declare your child's intention for hybrid in-person or 100% virtual learning for the fourth marking period beginning April 19, 2021. There has been positive news this spring. The COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports distributed by the state of New Jersey show that Burlington County has been downgraded to a moderate risk level for the last five weeks. In addition, with the release of the vaccines, each day more and more adults are vaccinated against COVID-19 and we continue to receive notification that NB faculty and staff are receiving their vaccinations as well.

While there are these positive developments, COVID-19 remains a significant health threat in New Jersey. As a school, we will continue to be guided by the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, New Jersey Department of Health, and ultimately, the Executive Orders of Governor Murphy, as this will determine our model of in-person instruction in the future. This currently includes maintaining social distancing of six feet to the maximum extent possible. As we plan for an increase in our in person learners, this goal sharply limits the number of students that can be in a classroom and will shape our ability to develop a program for the fourth marking period. Therefore, we will continue to take the time we need to plan for the safety measures needed to increase the number of students who will be present in our buildings.

As we increase the number of in person learners, we may not be able to maintain the six foot distance between all students in all classrooms and on the school busses. We believe this is important information for families to understand. Therefore, the District will exercise additional measures when six feet social distancing cannot be maintained. These measures will include suggestions that are part of the NJDOE's guidance such as desk shields or even relocating several students to participate from a remote location in the building for that period. As per the Governor's Executive Order, all children are still permitted to learn remotely.

With all this in mind, the district plans to offer two options:

Option A, Hybrid: The goal is to combine our current hybrid groups (A,B,C,D, and F) to have the students attend four half days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) with the current virtual half day on Wednesday for all students. To maintain social distance in classrooms, the district may have some students attend classes virtually from another properly supervised location and/or use barriers in the

classroom when social distancing is not possible. In the event the number of students who select this option is too great to manage with barriers and virtual classes within the building, the hybrid option will revert to our current, two-day hybrid model.

Option B, 100% Remote: Students will attend classes remotely following the same schedule as the third marking period.

Please review these options carefully. The data collected will be used to plan the program for the fourth marking period. Please note that students who choose 100% remote will not be permitted to switch to the hybrid option after the marking period begins.

Regardless of the option selected, teachers remain available in the afternoon for any additional help or instruction needed. Please contact them directly to set up appointments as needed.

Please choose your intention for the fourth marking period by completing the survey in the Powerschool Parent Portal by clicking [HERE](#). Log into PowerSchool and then go to forms and complete the survey for the fourth marking period

This survey will only be available until March 25th.

Sincerely,

James Sarruda, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools