



November 16, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and support this school year. As anticipated, the 2020-2021 School Year continues to present new challenges. As you will recall, our Restart, Renew & Engage (Road Back) Plan was created to be fluid in order to allow us to adapt as circumstances developed during this unprecedented time.

The current rise in positive cases of COVID-19 in Camden County has placed a severe strain on our ability to keep our Hybrid offering open. I have previously reported that our preventative measures have been successful in reducing exposure while at school. All of our reported positive COVID-19 cases appear to have been contracted outside of school. However, as this pandemic continues to spread, we have needed to quarantine students and staff alike. In most cases, when our staff members test positive, they can still teach their students remotely but we need to place a certified substitute in their absence for the hybrid students. We have reached a point where doing so has become extremely difficult. The inability to assign highly qualified substitute teachers is among the primary reasons we need to pivot to our full remote learning schedule.

In addition, as we approach the holiday season and winter break, the Camden County Health Department informs us that we will continue to see the positive numbers rise. The Voorhees Township School District will shift to our all remote learning schedule effective November 23, 2020. The anticipated return to our in-person learning schedule will be January 4, 2021. Simultaneously, we will be extending the learning day by an additional 30 minutes. Detailed schedule information will be provided by your building principal and teacher(s).

Our goal remains the same, to provide each of our students with an exceptional learning experience. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we continue to navigate the uncharted path ahead. We look forward to the new year and the anticipation of returning to in-person learning.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Gentile
Superintendent of Schools