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Dear Parents & Guardians,

At the start of the fourth marking period, April 19, 2021, the Voorhees Township School District will move to the next phase of our Restart, Renew & Engage Plan. Parents will have the option to send their children to school five days a week for in-person learning or have their children participate remotely five days a week. This will eliminate the need for the hybrid schedule and cohort placements. If you have not responded to the recent survey regarding your child's 4th Marking Period schedule preference, please contact the main office at your child's school. The current early dismissal schedule will remain in effect during the 4th marking period until further notice.

Remaining in the early dismissal schedule while increasing the number of students attending in-person instruction has several benefits. It allows students to transition from their current schedule without the potential increase of exposure to COVID-19 by adding lunch. It maintains some consistency for students during another period of change. Teachers can continue using the afternoon planning time to collaborate with colleagues, participate in professional development activities, and meet with individual students for additional help and support. Finally, it allows the district to continue utilizing the cafeteria staff to circulate throughout the buildings cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

We will continue to implement all safety measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Students and staff will be required to wear a mask at all times, our buildings will be cleaned frequently, and air quality will be maintained to the highest level possible. The new Center for Disease Control guidelines allow for 3 feet for social distancing, and we will adopt that recommendation.

We are asking parents to continue to transport their children to school whenever possible. However, if your child is typically a bus rider, they can ride the bus to school. If your child has been remote and you are not sure of their assigned bus, you can locate their assignment in Genesis. Should you need assistance with transportation, please contact your child's school.

On another note, as we approach Spring Break, any family traveling during the break should follow the NJ Travel Restrictions and contact their child's school nurse for additional information. Please refer to the link

below for additional information regarding current travel restrictions in NJ.
<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-nw-jersey>

Transition to 5 Days a Week In-Person Learning at a Glance:

- Begins on April 19, 2021
- Parents will be able to select either fully remote or 5 days of in-person learning for their children
- The choice to attend in-person or remotely will be for the entire marking period (approximately 7 weeks)
- We will adhere to the CDC recommendation to maintain 3 feet for social distancing in the schools whenever possible
- All current safety protocols will remain in place

If you have any questions, please contact my office or your child's school. Have a wonderful spring break.

Regards,

David Gentile

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