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Dear Parents & Guardians,

### **Calendar News**

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm today. This winter has undoubtedly added additional challenges to an already difficult school year. Having the option for remote learning has helped to minimize extending the school year. To date, we only need to add one additional school day making the new last day of school June 23, 2021.

### **COVID-19**

The latest report from the Camden County Health Department is attached. The data suggests a decline in new positive COVID-19 cases following the beginning of the new year. This information is encouraging. As part of our Restart, Renew and Engage Plan, we have *tentatively* identified the early fourth marking period as the targeted timeline to provide in-person instruction for all Hybrid Learners at all grade levels five days per week. Additional questions will need to be addressed by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Health Department before implementing such a plan. We are actively working with representatives from those departments in order to prepare for this possible next phase. Bringing all Hybrid Learners into our schools five days per week may mean we cannot keep students 6 feet apart at all times. Parents wishing to have their child in a full remote learning schedule will be able to do so for the remainder of the school year. We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available. It is essential to note that any adverse change in COVID-19 data or directives from the NJ Departments of Health and Education could impact our tentative plans. Ultimately, we will continue to put the health and safety of our students and staff members first.

### **Limited Neighborhood Redistricting**

Beginning September 2021, due to the capacity concerns at Osage Elementary School, we are reassigning a limited number of students to either Hamilton Elementary School or Kresson Elementary School. Parents/Guardians impacted by the reassignment were notified earlier this school year. The Voorhees Township School District is taking a measured approach by permitting existing students in the neighborhoods marked for change to request to remain at Osage through their 5th-grade year. All requests to stay at Osage will be honored. Some immediate capacity relief will be achieved for those who agree to change in September 2021 and through new registrations. Over the next several years, the full impact of the reassignment will be accomplished. Although this approach may take more time, it demonstrates the compassion and understanding that are core

values of the Voorhees Township School District. Below are the streets currently assigned to Osage that are projected to change to either Kresson or Hamilton Elementary Schools in the future. Kresson and Hamilton Elementary Schools each have available space to accommodate the future reassignments without any negative impact to their existing programs. All new students who register in the school district for the next school year living on the streets listed below will be assigned accordingly. Currently, Osage Elementary educates over 700 students whereas Kresson has 364 and Hamilton 379 students. The total number of anticipated students to be reassigned in the coming years is approximately 150 students.

Parents/Guardians of students currently enrolled in Osage Elementary living on the street addresses below who would like to request consideration for their child to remain at Osage Elementary, and have not already done so, should contact my office.

Attend Kresson Elementary School	Attend Hamilton Elementary School
Sussex Atlantic Bergen Burlington Camden Essex Hudson Mercer Middlesex Passaic Salem Ford Warren Morris Lenox Somerset	Franklin Bibbs Abbey Blue Coat Court Buttonwood Robert's Way Spring Winchester Sandra Gregory's Way
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Projections are subject to change</i></li> </ul>	

Should you have any questions regarding the reassignment of students, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

*David Gentile*

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