

# DELRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

52 Hartford Rd., Delran NJ, 08075

"dedicated to nurturing a supportive, student-centered environment where all people are treated with dignity and respect"

November 3, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Below is information regarding important items for your consideration from around the District.

## **COVID-19 Matters**

Preparedness: As families it is important to have contingency plans in the event that the District either chooses to pivot to a full remote learning option for a school or multiple schools for a longer duration of time due to specific COVID-19 matters or through Executive Order set forth by the Governor. Although there are no plans to move in that direction currently, prepare now for that possibility as the matters regarding COVID-19 continue to evolve and develop locally and across the region.

Trends: The information below pertains to Delran Township cases, overall, and not solely the District. But, as a member of the Township, the data has an impact at the District level as, certainly, some cases involve school age children.

Delran Township continues to demonstrate a spike in cases, particularly throughout the month of October. The Township has had 425 cases since October, with 50% of those cases coming forth in the last 60 calendar days. Overall, the Township accounts for 7.5% of all Burlington County cases during that time despite only accounting for 3.5% of the population. We have not experienced in school transmission amongst students; a testament to our operational protocols.

It is reasonable to expect case totals to continue to rise through the first quarter of 2021.

Travel: The Governor of New Jersey has placed many states (41 states as of today) and countries on a quarantine list requiring domestic and foreign travelers to these locations to self-quarantine for 14 days. This global pandemic has placed enormous amounts of stress on families in activities that we all took for granted (i.e. vacationing, weddings, celebrations, visits to grandparents etc.).

With that in mind and the need to maintain a safe physical environment as the district transitions to a hybrid model, it is necessary to have guidelines for students and employees considering domestic and foreign travel. Please find [linked here](#) the aforementioned travel guidelines..

Although it is unfortunate that procedures are needed, the district must remain steadfast in its first priority of ensuring that everyone is safe during our in person instruction days.

**Instructional Program:** At the shift of each marking period or trimester families are granted an opportunity to switch their academic program and move from remote to hybrid or from hybrid to remote. While consistency is important for children and families there may be cases where this is of interest. Although you are not assured to have the same teachers if a shift of instructional program is desired, you should speak with your child's Principal if the desire exists.

**Student Academic Support:** The district will begin an instructional support program for students who have demonstrated the need during the first marking period. Specific information will be coming from your child Principal and/or Director of the Student Services. Participation in this program is imperative as it relates to your child's academic success. If contacted please understand that your child has been identified as being in need of academic supports and you should pursue this opportunity with great care and seriousness.

**Student Mental Health Programming:** The Camden County Educational Services Commission (CCESC) in partnership with School Based Healthcare Solutions Network, Inc. (SBHSN) awarded Delran Township Public Schools for significant funding in order to provide mental health professionals, to provide mental healthcare, care coordination, and academic coordination to eligible students. We are excited about this development and will provide further specifics in the coming weeks as we begin this five year partnership.

**Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Meeting:** [HERE](#) is a video presentation shared during the Delran Township Public Schools Parent Advisory Committee Meeting regarding empowering your child to learn during COVID-19.

My next communication will take place on November 17, 2020.

Sincerely,

Brian Brotschul, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools