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Dear Piscataway Families:

We happily welcomed students back into our buildings on Monday, March 1, and had a successful week. Our bus runs brought students safely to school, our students had temperature checks as they entered their buildings, and despite a few bumps, we successfully combined remote and in-person learning. I want to congratulate and thank our teachers and staff for always going above and beyond to make school a positive experience for all learners—remote and in-person.

### **Reporting Student COVID Cases**

During the week, we had one hybrid student case of COVID-19 at Martin Luther King School. Following contact tracing, this resulted in a number of student and staff quarantines, but did not require us to close the school. We wish a speedy recovery for this student, and will report if any of the students or staff under quarantine test positive, as well as any other confirmed cases among hybrid students, in the coming days.

### **Reporting COVID Cases on Sports Teams and In-Person Extracurricular Activities**

We have accurately reported COVID-19 cases in our district to assist parents in making informed decisions regarding their child's learning plan. We will continue to do so while adding any COVID-19 cases and quarantining from our athletic teams and other extracurricular activities. Last week we received information about a positive case on the PHS Swim Team. While we conducted contract tracing and notified all parties, my office did not send out a community notification. This was an oversight on my part, and we will be sure to include all instances of team and extracurricular COVID-19 cases in future notifications.

### **Academic Assistance**

In order to assist students who are struggling academically, we are beginning specialized after-school tutoring programs at all of our K-8 schools, and encourage high school students to take advantage of the existing PHS Tutoring program. All of these programs target specific concepts and skills and are free of charge for Piscataway students. For a brief description of each program, [click here](#).

### **Reminder**

Tuesday, March 9 is an early dismissal day for students. Teachers will be taking part in professional development.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Very sincerely,

Dr. Frank Ranelli