



From the Superintendent:

Please note that we have three evening meetings this month:

- Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. BOE Special Budget Process Meeting
- Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Regular BOE meeting (BOE may elect to have executive session at 6:30)
- Monday, March 22, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Information Night. All children who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, 2021 are eligible to register for kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Susan Wolf at swolf@etsdnj.us or ext 135 with any questions.

To date, we have had only one case of COVID in the building. As the weather gets better, vaccinations become readily available, and the number of cases declines, we need to be mindful in not letting our collective health and safety guard down. Please be vigilant following the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID. See the graphic taken from the nurses office [webpage](#):

The easy version is knowing to stay home from school for:



1. ILLNESS in the last 10 days.

- Positive COVID-19 Test (report to Nurse's Office immediately).
- Illness or being tested for COVID-19 related to illness.



2. EXPOSURE in the last 14 days.

- Exposure (close contact) to a POSITIVE COVID-19 case.
- Exposure (close/household contact) to a POSSIBLE COVID-19 case.



3. TRAVEL beyond our immediate region (NJ, NY, CT, PA, DE) in the last 10 days.

Then please call the nurses office (609) 267-9172 ext. 315 to discuss how long to remain home.

CST Update:

- The Child Study Team met with the Literacy Liaison Committee on February 25th. The team and participants had a productive conversation discussing interventions, assessments, and supplemental services.
- We are continuing our efforts to recruit and interview for open special education positions.
- All students receiving special education services in both pull out replacement and self contained settings have been invited to return for 4 days of in-person instruction.
- Annual Reviews have begun! We are asking special education teachers to please complete their portions of the IEP (Present levels, Needs, Goals/Objectives) one week prior to the actual meeting. Mrs. Wolf will continue to share the updated annual review meeting dates.
- Parents have been provided an input questionnaire (via Google forms) to complete prior to their child's annual review meeting.
- Frontline Progress Reports for Marking Period 3 are due **April 9th**.

Curriculum Office:

- The hybrid schedule will open up for Kindergarten and first grade on March 15th to include four abbreviated days. Wednesday will continue to be remote and allow for time to complete all specials assignments. Second and third grade will continue this schedule on March 22nd.
- Marking period four begins April 12th. After April 12th, Wednesdays will continue to be remote, however will become an instructional day for all students. Please follow the regular abbreviated day schedule.
- The state has released that the start date for the state test, NJSLA, has been pushed back to April 5th. School districts still have until June to complete. Stay tuned for an exact testing window. Students will be required to use their school issued device for this assessment.

Assistant Principal:

- During this challenging time of remote and hybrid learning, we are continuing to work on increasing the connection to our students and families. These efforts are being secured by diversifying the ways in which we communicate and by focusing on strategies to enrich student engagement.
- Teachers are working hard to strengthen student engagement with success by adopting strategies that include:
 - Utilizing a wide array of technological tools
 - Building student choice into the lesson design
 - Gamifying lesson activities
 - Offering office hours and small group learning sessions
 - Differentiating learning activities
 - Modeling projects for students with guest participants