

# GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear GTSD Families,

The Greenwich Township School District has been implementing our Restart and Recovery Plan to Reopen Schools since the start of the 2020-2021 school year; the goal of this plan is to provide all students and employees with the appropriate health and safety conditions that would allow us to provide a thorough and efficient educational experience. Chief among the protocols and guidance utilized to develop this plan is the belief that social distancing is the key to protecting our community and reducing transmission among our student, staff, and public populations. We continue to ask that all community members support this mission by wearing face masks and limiting social interaction and attendance at gatherings.

We have reviewed current information, data, and expert guidance in making the determination to extend our current hybrid learning plan for the entire **third marking period, January 26, 2021 through March 31, 2021**. At this time, many indicators relative to COVID-19 continue to show a concerning trend within overall case rates, COVID-like illnesses, and percent positivity. The New Jersey Department of Health/Communicable Disease Service shows increases in current activity levels and cites an increased risk of transmission, both at the state and regional levels. The New Jersey COVID-19 Activity Level (CALI) Report indicates that our current COVID-19 Activity level status is considered HIGH (3), on a 4-point scale.

All families will continue to have the option of selecting a hybrid or all-remote learning environment; students will be placed in the hybrid plan **unless** families submit the required all-remote learning request and those enrolled in a program will remain in that program for the entire third marking period. Please send your all-remote learning request for the third marking period to the main office secretary of your child's school.

The Greenwich Township School District must ensure the confidentiality of student and staff information, including such medical information as a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. This means some COVID-19 information is not communicated with the public and we cannot correct misinformation that has been circulated; please know that the District is following Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health, and/or New Jersey Department of Education recommendations with regard to both safety protocols and contact tracing notifications. Only those individuals identified as having close contact with a verified COVID+ individual will be notified to quarantine. To date, we have experienced no known transmission at school.

As we continue to follow CDC and Department of Health protocols, any student exhibiting one or more Covid-like symptoms, may be excluded from school for a period of time determined by the guidelines provided by the CDC and DOH and in conjunction with a case-by-case review by district staff. To that end, please assist our efforts to maintain a safe, healthy environment at school by keeping at home any student who exhibits any symptom identified on the daily health screener.

Please reach out to the appropriate school personnel for questions or concerns. Individual teachers can be reached through their email or via phone at their assigned school building at 224-4900. Members of our Child Study Team can be reached at their individual extensions or through the CST secretary, Mrs. Lavin, at x2160. School Nurses can be reached at: BSS Mrs. Pipczynski x1113, and NMS Mrs. Camp at x2137. Guidance counselors can be reached at: BSS Mrs. Podolski x1136, and NMS Mr. Giorgianni x 2135. Main Office extensions for each school are as follows: BSS x1131 and NMS x2140.

The Greenwich Township School District recognizes the concerns of parents and the difficult situation that the pandemic has forced upon our students, the community, and our employees. We appreciate your continued patience and support as we navigate this challenging time. We will continue to monitor the situation and look to fully reopen our schools at the earliest time deemed safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Foley-Hindman".  
Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman