



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

I trust that this email finds you are well. Please be advised that we have completed our scheduling plans for next week, and I am pleased to share them with you below:

- **Effective Monday, January 10th, 2022, all Haddon Township Elementary Schools will return to a full day's normal schedule.** We will also operate our normal K-Club and child care programs. During the past several days, we have reworked some of our school lunch procedures and will now **have at least 6 feet of space between students in every lunch and at every school.** This spacing will provide a safer and more comfortable environment, considering the potential risks involved with Omicron transmission.
- **Roher Middle School and Haddon Township High School will remain on the same early dismissal schedule implemented during that past week, and remote student support will be provided in the afternoon.** There is simply no feasible way to adjust the spacing between students at lunches at these schools, so maintaining this early dismissal schedule is in the best interest of everyone's overall safety.
- Next Friday, January 14th, was initially scheduled as a half student day, with professional development planned for staff scheduled in the afternoon. This day will now be a complete day for students and follow the same Monday through Thursday schedule. The half PD day will be made up at some point in the future, but right now, we are prioritizing instructional time for students, considering the recent snow and other scheduling adjustments where we have lost teacher-student contact time.
- Moving forward, in the case of staffing shortages and limited substitute teachers, please expect any transition to remote learning to include some tiering. **Our goal is to safely educate as many students in-person as we can, but we will prioritize in-person instruction for the youngest grade levels and our special education populations first.** That means a scenario where some upper grades transition to remote while the youngest grades stay in person will be considered before any "wholesale" transition to full remote.

- Lastly, we are working on a delayed condensed-day schedule for next week should we again encounter inclement weather in the early morning hours. Today would have been a delayed opening under normal circumstances, but a half-day schedule without a lunch plan prevented that. Next week, we will have a "workaround," mainly since we already utilized our two built-in snow days. More information will be forthcoming on delayed school times if we encounter a similarly timed winter storm as today.

Thank you very much for your continued patience and support, and have a great day.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent