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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I wanted to keep you informed about the many different items related to our schools. There were a few items that I would like to update since my April 1st letter.

In-Person Learning: We will return to school for in-person learning on Monday, April 19th instead of Wednesday, April 21st. Please plan for your child to come to the school (unless they are a 100% virtual student or must quarantine per the guidance provided below) on **Monday, April 19th**. This is as a result of the new CDC and New Jersey Department of Health guidance received over spring break.

Quarantine Guidance: There are many different pieces of guidance regarding quarantines. Based on what has been recommended by the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, these are the guidelines that the Tinton Falls School District is following.

- **The student has tested positive for COVID-19:** 10 days from onset of symptoms or positive test
- **The student has been in close contact with a person positive for COVID-19:** 14 days from contact with the positive person. Close contact is defined as closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period.
 - The number of days is dependent on the current [CALI index](#). This is guidance for the Orange (High Levels)
 - You cannot test out of quarantine.
 - If the student has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days, then no quarantine is necessary.
 - This is different for a household contact - the timeline is extended without isolation protocols.
- **The student/staff has traveled to an area outside the immediate NJ region (including PA, NY, CT, DE):** 10 days from the return to New Jersey. Quarantine is extended for International Travel.

Students in quarantine are expected to log on and participate in their classes remotely, provided they are feeling well enough to do so.

As with any of these situations, it is imperative that you contact our school nurses. They are our frontline medical professionals and can advise you accordingly.

Wednesdays, starting April 21st: Wednesdays are moving to a full-day schedule starting April 21st. Single session days will be preannounced or based on dates on the school calendar. The school calendar can be accessed from our district website.

State Testing: Over spring break, the NJDOE announced that the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) will not be taking place this school year. The ACCESS test and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment will be required to be administered. These tests are for specifically

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identified populations. The ACCESS test is for students who are identified as English Language Learners and the DLM assessment is specifically for identified students who are classified and need this assessment. This alternative assessment is identified in the student's IEP. All students in the designated grades will be required to take an assessment in the fall. More information will be provided once received from the New Jersey Department of Education.

We are looking forward to seeing your children in our schools on **Monday, April 19th, and for five full days**. As always, if you have any questions or a unique circumstance, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher and/or building principal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Lisa Goldey
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