

# THE TINTON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
658 TINTON AVENUE  
TINTON FALLS, NJ 07724  
(732) 460-2400  
FAX (732) 542-1158  
<http://tfschools.org>

Lisa Goldey  
Superintendent of Schools

Kerri Lee Walsifer  
Director of Special Services

Vincent Daniels  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

February 18, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians:

We cannot seem to escape this wintry weather. It has been a few years since we have had as many storms; although the snow is beautiful, I am hoping this is the last of the winter weather!

**There are a few very important announcements I would like to bring to your attention. Please read this carefully and, as always, we are here to provide additional clarification should you have questions.**

**Survey Results:** Last week, I engaged the parents and the staff in a survey regarding topics for our continued function in this school year. The following questions involved Wednesdays, snow days, and the handling of spring break. After receiving almost 1200 responses, a majority of school stakeholders provided us with information pertaining to our school status. As was stated in the letter, these responses *help* in the final decision-making process.

- **Wednesdays:** Will be maintained as a remote single session day with support in the afternoon now. This was the majority of responses. However, we will begin to transition our preschool students and self-contained classes (Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Moore) back to in-person learning on Wednesdays, for a single session day, starting March 3rd. Times of the single session schedule can be found on the MFA webpage. We will start phasing in our students on Wednesdays, following a similar phase-in model previously implemented (starting with MFA students first).
- **Snow Days:** There has been a lot of discussion regarding the handling of snow days in districts across the state, as well as in our community. The majority of parents indicated that they would prefer to handle these days, which in previous years we would have been closed, by following the plan initially communicated by the district earlier this year. Therefore, snow days will be single-session, remote days, with students off in the afternoon to enjoy the winter weather. In the event of widespread power/internet outages, a snow day will be called.
- **Spring Break:** I started to receive questions regarding spring break a few weeks ago from staff and parents. An overwhelming majority would like for spring break to remain intact on the district calendar. I agree that all our staff and students need a screen break and to enjoy family time this year. Therefore, spring break will remain as originally planned in the 2020-2021 district calendar. It is possible that our schools will be on remote learning status the week following spring break depending on the COVID-19 activity levels in order to reduce the spread. This has not been decided yet.

**8th grade return to school 4 days a week: Starting, Monday, February 22, our 8th-grade students will be returning to school four days a week.** The remote learning option is always still available and if requested, a hybrid option is available too. If you have any questions regarding the return to school or remote learning option, please reach out to Mrs. Ehid, Building Principal.

# THE TINTON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
**658 TINTON AVENUE**  
**TINTON FALLS, NJ 07724**  
**(732) 460-2400**  
**FAX (732) 542-1158**  
<http://tfschools.org>

Lisa Goldey  
Superintendent of Schools

Kerri Lee Walsifer  
Director of Special Services

Vincent Daniels  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**2020-2021 Calendar Change:** Due to the number of single-session days that we have had in the month of February, **February 26th will be changed to a full day in-person for students.** Our PLC day will be canceled. This is pending board approval at the February 22nd board meeting; however, please plan for students to be in school for a full day.

**Social-emotional needs:** We know that many of our students are still working well in this environment and some are struggling academically and social-emotionally. We are here to help with all student needs. Please reach out to the classroom teacher(s) and the guidance counselors for support.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the parents, staff, and students. This has not been an easy year for anyone, and I appreciate all the kindness and patience shown during a year like no other we have experienced.

Sincerely,

Lisa Goldey  
Superintendent of Schools