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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As promised, I will continue to update our parent community as we continue with COVID-19 and its impact on our schools.

The numbers of COVID-19 cases within our community, state, and country are continuing to rise. We have had a few cases within our district, and as a result, students and staff members have been placed on quarantine. In consultation with Monmouth County Regional Health Commission and our school physician, we need to pivot once again. Please follow the schedule below for the upcoming weeks.

Week of November 23rd: All Tinton Falls Schools will be on remote learning. We will follow our current daily schedule. Remember, on Thursday and Friday, schools are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Week of November 30th: All Tinton Falls School will be on remote learning. We will follow our current daily schedule.

Week of December 7th:

- **The Mahala F. Atchison School and the Swimming River School will have students return to school following our current schedule.** We will assess the health data in the next two weeks to decide *if* we will be inviting all our Grade 2 and Grade 3 students into school four days a week. Communication will be provided directly to our 2nd and 3rd-grade families.
- Many of our staff members at the Tinton Falls Middle School are traveling to states on the travel advisory list over the Thanksgiving Holiday. There are not enough staff members, including substitutes, to provide in-person instruction and to supervise students. **We will need to go on full remote during this week at the Tinton Falls Middle School. We will follow the current daily schedule.**

Week of December 14th:

- **As of now, all district schools will be reopened.** The need to pivot is always upon us based on the health officials' data presented to us. Finding the balance between in-person learning and health/safety is always looked at in these unprecedented times.
- Remote students can return on December 14th. Principals are managing this remote return at the building level. Please reach out directly to him/her.

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- We will continue to look at the possibility of bringing all 6th-grade students back and notify you of this based on the health and safety data. We are looking at this for the start of January 2021. This is all dependent on current health trends.

I know this news will be welcomed for some and disappointing for others. I am tasked with making difficult decisions, some of which may not be popular, but I must keep staff and student safety at the forefront. As I have said previously, I believe that students should be in school, in person. However, right now, this is not possible.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns. If you have specific questions regarding your child, please feel free to reach out to the building principal or your child's teacher.

Please remember these important points as we move into remote days:

- **Quarantine Responsibility:** If your child(ren) plans to go to any of the United States or International locations that require quarantine upon return to New Jersey, your child(ren) must quarantine for 14 days. The list, which is updated weekly, [can be found here](#). Your child(ren) will be able to log on remotely for this period. Please make sure that you notify the nurse of your child's attendance and travel plans. We all must work together!
- **Breakfast/Lunch:** On Wednesday, we will still offer seven days of meals for both breakfast and lunch to be picked up at TFMS from 1:30 - 3 pm. This is for all students and/or community members 18 years of age and under.

I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. I will provide you with an additional update during the week of November 30th.

Sincerely,

Lisa Goldey
Superintendent of Schools