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Dear Piscataway Families:

As the 2021-2022 School Year draws closer, we are very excited to have everyone back in our buildings. Several of our schools will have new principals greeting their students. We look forward to supporting their leadership and seeing our students thrive throughout the year.

As a follow up to the district information I sent out two weeks ago, I wanted to more clearly define how the district will handle situations where students must quarantine.

### **Educating Quarantined Students**

We may have instances where students will need to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. We will handle educating quarantined students via remote access instruction (not hybrid instruction). As always, parents must share the close contact and quarantine information with the school nurse.

Please see the following information:

1. If a staff member is notified by their building administration that a student is quarantined for any COVID-19 situation, the staff member will provide remote access to the quarantined student to listen in to the lessons.
2. Teachers will provide quarantined students with the lesson material/assignment via Schoology, Google Classroom, or Seesaw.
3. Students will have access to the classroom interaction, a visual of corresponding work displayed, and have the ability to ask follow-up questions. Questions may be handled differently based on subject and teaching staff member.
4. This access will most likely be available the next school day after the student quarantined notification. This will give the teacher time to post lesson material.
5. We will expect the teaching staff member to move around the room and teach like they would if all students were present. This will not fully resemble the hybrid teaching model from last school year.
6. This remote access instruction is for COVID-19 short-term quarantined situations only.

### **COVID-19 Communication**

The district COVID-19 dashboard will be back on the website beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021. All the numbers will reflect the 2021-2022 school year. We will also send out COVID-19 notifications to all district stakeholders as we did last year.

### **COVID-19 Screening Forms**

This year, parents will be required to complete the COVID-19 screening form in Genesis at the beginning of each month. You can find the screening form in [Genesis](#) under “Forms.” Parents with children in Before Care must complete a daily screening at drop-off.

We look forward to welcoming our students back this Thursday, September 2.

Very sincerely,



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