



# TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear School Community,

As you are aware, over the last few weeks, we have seen a spike in COVID cases within the community and the state. In turn, we have seen an increase in positive cases and identified close contacts among our students and staff. In response, we have worked closely with the Gloucester County Department of Health to identify positive cases as well as assisting in the contracting tracing process to identify potential exposure contacts.

With the health and safety of staff and students remaining as our top priority, the Township of Franklin Public School District will switch to **an all-remote instructional model beginning Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and remain all remote until after the winter recess**. At this time, our tentative return to the Hybrid Instructional model will be Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. However, this date may need to be revisited depending on local COVID-19 activity data.

This letter also serves as an opportunity to remind our school community of the importance of continuing to communicate with the school district during the remote learning period and over winter recess in regards to the well-being of the students. The school nurses will continue to be the main contacts for notification of positive COVID-19 cases.

Please be assured that the school district proactively prepared for the need to switch to an all remote instructional model. The school building principals will provide further information in regards to instructional and learning expectations.

It is our hope that you are able to safely and responsibly enjoy time with family and loved ones this holiday season. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the Township of Franklin Public School District. Stay safe.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Walton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Troy Walton  
Superintendent of Schools

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