14 January 2021

Dear Families:

Thank you all for your reliability and commitment to the safe operation of our schools. We are very happy to announce that we will return to in-person learning Tuesday, January 19. We will follow the same in-person hybrid schedule that we were following on November 24, 2020. Blue Cohort students will attend school in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays while the Gold Cohort will attend school in-person Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays are still virtual days. Students who receive services will continue to attend school four days a week. To ensure the safety of our students and staff and maintain strict adherence to the guidelines provided for social distancing and separated cohorts, after school supervision will not be provided while we are in the “Orange” high risk category. However, parents are encouraged to review PickUp Patrol to ensure the main office knows whether your child will be picked up or take the bus home at dismissal.

As we return to school, please keep in mind the following protocols:

- Please be sure to complete the health questionnaire before your child is dropped off at school or picked up by the bus. If your response has not been recorded by 7:45 am, you will receive an alert. If by that point you do not submit the survey and your child arrives at school, you will be required to arrange for your child to be picked up from school.

- Please continue to notify your school nurse of any illnesses in your household.

- Please notify the school nurse of any travels so that the most up-to-date advice regarding guidance can be provided.

- While we are in the high risk category, “Orange”, please be advised: If a child attends class with Covid-like symptoms (see below), the class will be placed on quarantine. If you have any questions regarding whether or not you should send your child to school, please call your school nurse. We must work together to reopen our schools and keep them open.
  - At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (measure of subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; OR
  - At least **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.
- Per the New Jersey Department of Health--revised protocols for returning to school after having Covid-like symptoms no longer allow for an alternate diagnosis as clearance for students to return to in-person learning. If your child is demonstrating symptoms, he/she may return to school if:
  - It has been 10 days since the symptoms appeared and the student has been fever free for the past 24 hours without medication, and he/she is no longer displaying symptoms
  - Or, a negative Covid-19 test result can be submitted to the school nurse

We are excited to see our students return to school. Please reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Allamuchy Administrators