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Dear Rockaway Borough Parents and Families,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family healthy and safe. The purpose of this letter is to keep you abreast of our plans for in-person instruction as of the first of the year.

As of now, we have decided to move forward with our previously announced plan to reopen school for in-person instruction on Monday January 4th with our modified hybrid model that we put into effect after Thanksgiving. This decision was made in consultation with the local Board of Health and the Board of Education after reviewing recent data which shows a decrease in our actual number of positive COVID-19 school cases as well as potential cases that we have been monitoring. The data also indicates that the majority of cases reported did not originate in our school buildings nor were transmitted on campus.

If, over the next week, our CALI scores change, or reported school related cases rise, and/or there are issues with quarantining and staff coverage, we may need to reassess and switch back to virtual instruction for the first two weeks in January. If that is the case as the situation is fluid, you will receive an additional notification confirming our change in plans by Thursday December 31st. For now, please review the below chart that summarizes the return of our cohorts for the first two weeks of January.

Also, I must remind all families that if you plan to travel during the holiday break, your child(ren) will need to quarantine and take advantage of virtual learning for the 14 days recommended by the CDC. In addition, as requested before, please continue to share any pertinent health information about your child(ren) or your family regarding COVID like symptoms or contact with potential positive cases with our school nurses so they can update district records and can keep local health officials informed as all this information is critical in our determination about reopening for in-person instruction.

So as always, thank you for your continued support and please have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Alpaugh
Superintendent

Monday 1/4, #3 Cohorts B & C Integrated Preschool	Tuesday 1/5, #4 Cohorts A & C Integrated Preschool	Wednesday 1/6, #5 Cohorts B & C Integrated Preschool	Thursday 1/7 #6 Cohorts A & C Integrated Preschool	Friday 1/8 #1 Cohorts B & C Integrated Preschool
Monday 1/11, #2 Cohorts A & C Integrated Preschool	Tuesday 1/12 #3 Cohorts A & C Integrated Preschool	Wednesday 1/13, #4 Cohorts B & C Integrated Preschool	Thursday 1/4 #5 Cohorts A & C Integrated Preschool	Friday 1/15, #6 Cohorts B & C Integrated Preschool

*Since the introduction of our modified hybrid schedule was interrupted with our switch to all virtual instruction on 12/7, we will resume the schedule in January with Cohort B in district for in-person instruction on Monday 1/4.