



610 Hollydell Drive, Sewell NJ 08080

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Dear HollyDELL Families and Staff,

What a year this has been for all of us. Once again, I want to express my gratitude to you for being wonderful partners during these past 10 months. I hope you and your families are well. We miss seeing the children in the halls of HollyDELL and we strive to return to in-person instruction, as this is the most effective learning model for our students. We are working diligently to bring back a sense of school normalcy, but we must use science to determine the safeness of returning to facility-based learning for our students. The pandemic is currently hitting our area hard with many more cases than we experienced in the Spring. In this regard, we will continue with full remote-learning by extending our return date.

HollyDELL School will remain fully remote through at least the month of February. On February 22nd, we will re-evaluate the data and most recent COVID Activity Level Index (<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>) for the regions that we serve. The southwest and southeast areas of NJ are currently "orange" or high. If, by February 22nd, both geographic areas fall within the "yellow" zone on the most recent NJDOH Weekly COVID Activity report, we will plan to reopen on Monday, March 1st. If one or both of our sending regions are still in the "orange" zone on February 22nd, we will continuously re-evaluate the most current data until both are in the "yellow" zone. We will plan to reopen within 1-2 weeks from the date we enter the "yellow" zone and staff, families and districts will be notified with the specific details and reopening date at that time. Please note that this plan is fluid and requires that the COVID Activity Level Index for both of our sending regions remains in the "yellow" or "green" zones in order for HollyDELL to continue to offer facility-based learning.

Once we return to in-person instruction, our plan remains the same as previously announced:

1. School hours for the students will run from 8:50am-1:45pm each day.
2. The entire school will be remote each week on Wednesdays for deep-cleaning.
3. The learning model selections that families chose in December will be honored upon the buildings re-opening.
4. More detailed information for the facility-based students will be sent home closer to our return date.

I thank you for your patience and understanding. Please feel free to contact me on my cell, (856) 981-9567, to express your thoughts and concerns. Your communication is most welcome.

Warmly,

Gracanne H. Ryan
Executive Director