

September 2022

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had a refreshing, healthy, and safe summer. We are ready for our students and staff to return to a more typical school year that we have had in recent years.

Student and staff safety continues to be the district's top priority. The district will continue with increased ventilation in our classrooms and enhanced cleaning protocols.

District staff have been working throughout the summer to prepare the buildings for the return of students and teaching staff in September. Building-specific details will be coming from the principals over the next days as the principals and other administrators prepare for the reopening of our schools.

There have been changes to our district COVID protocol and the latest protocol is posted to the district website (<https://www.rahway.net/>). **Essentially masks are still optional and there is no quarantining of close contacts.** I strongly encourage that everyone eligible still get vaccinated as the data has shown all COVID vaccines to be effective in reducing illness and hospitalization, and preventing death from COVID.

Please continue to be vigilant with following mitigation strategies in place to keep us all healthy: stay home when sick, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands regularly. Also please inform your school nurse if your child is being tested for COVID.

One other change for the 22-23 school year is that the district is required to charge for breakfasts and lunches again. Once again **we need all families to complete the Free/reduced lunch applications; qualifying children will receive free or reduced price meals. Applications can be found online through the district website or through your Parent Portal account.**

Thank you all for the pleasure of educating your children.

Patricia Camp, PhD
Superintendent of Schools