

February 19, 2021

Dear Teaneck Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff,

I am pleased to announce that we are about to enter the final phase of our Return to School plans. Effective Monday, March 1, we will welcome back our High School students and staff - following a cohort model. Further, with the support of our Board of Education, we will resume winter and spring Junior Varsity athletics - with winter sports returning effective immediately. Varsity sports are already in progress.

It is important to note that the beginning of the fourth marking period is nearly upon us (after spring break); and as promised, parents/guardians will once again have the opportunity to “opt-in” for their child to return for the final marking period of this school year. We will be sending out more information on this very soon.

Additionally, I want to make sure you are aware of some upcoming district events and “happenings”:

- On Wednesday, February 24, the District will begin its series of Budget Presentations for the 2021-2022 school year. All are welcome to join the Zoom webinar: [Board Budget Meeting](#)
- The District is hosting a series of Mental Health Programs for parents - one per month through June. For more information, go to: [Mental Health Parent Series](#)
- Preschool applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now available and must be returned by March 5. For more information, [Preschool Applications](#)
- The 2021-2022 District Calendar has been approved by our Board of Education and can be viewed here: [2021-2022 District Calendar](#)

Lastly, I want to take a moment to publicly thank our faculty and staff for getting us through the past few weeks. We knew that the re-opening of our schools during a pandemic would not be without some challenges. But we are working collaboratively to manage through, and I am especially proud of the outstanding efforts of our faculty who are simultaneously teaching a group of students at home and in-person.

Our students continue to be our primary focus and for their sake, I am committed to keeping our school doors opened. If we are going to accomplish this successfully, it is extremely important for everyone to closely follow our COVID-19 protocols and above all, please do not send a child to school if they are sick. This pandemic is not over, and we want to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Best regards,

Dr. Christopher Irving, Superintendent of Schools