

January 7, 2022

Dear Teaneck Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff,

I want to thank everyone for your cooperation and patience with our adjusted schedule this week. Many staff members did “double duty” by supporting our schools during the first half of the day and managing their normal roles during the second half of the day. Others worked through their holiday breaks and weekends to ensure we could safely open schools this past Monday. I have personally visited our schools this week and am extremely proud of how our Teaneck school staff members have ensured that each school is running smoothly. We need to keep in mind that we have accomplished all of this, despite the current health crisis situation facing this nation.

**On Monday, January 10, it is our intention to fully reopen our schools and district offices (full day, in person).** However, as you may recall, our entire staff - including contract workers - participated in required COVID-19 testing on January 6 & 7 and we will not have all of these results until Sunday. **If we have any considerable staffing challenges at a particular school, we may need to make a late decision (which could include the SACC program) and ask that you please plan ahead accordingly.** If you do not hear from me on Sunday, then please proceed on Monday with your normal in-person schedule.

Lastly, for the next few weeks (hopefully not much longer), we are prepared for the fact that the number of positive cases will not likely slow down. Although you may receive a notification letter from our COVID Response Team, we are doing our very best to keep everyone safe, and to keep our schools open.

For updated information on our COVID-19 protocols AND a weekly report/dashboard on COVID cases across each school, please visit the district's COVID-19 section/icon on our website: <https://www.teaneckschools.org/COVID-19Resources.aspx> .

I will, as always, continue to keep you informed. Until then, please stay safe; and please do not come to work or send your child to school if you are not feeling well.

We will get through this...together!

Best regards,

Dr. Christopher Irving, Superintendent of Schools