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Dear Readington Parents and Families,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the course of Spring Break. I look forward to seeing warmer days and sunshine in the coming months. Yesterday, our district learned that the <u>COVID Activity Report</u> now has our region designated as the color yellow once again. This transition to yellow now indicates a moderate COVID activity level. This is also a signal that the COVID situation in our region has improved over recent weeks.

The fact that the COVID Activity Report has returned our region to yellow is a positive sign. The district reported few cases within our schools this week, which is another good sign. District administration will continue to watch these trends - the activity report and our internal case rates. If this improved trend continues, I plan to move Wednesdays as in-person days within the next two weeks. Begin making your family plans for in-person Wednesdays to start as early as last week of April or first week in May. We await a few weeks due to the fact that we traditionally see an increase in cases following holidays or breaks. This delay allows us time to monitor and make any adjustments as necessary.

New Jersey travel guidelines were revised over spring break. The new guidelines no longer require quarantine from domestic travelers returning to New Jersey who are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months. While we know our students are not vaccinated, it is possible a student has recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months. If your child falls into this category, you must provide the school nurse or building principal documentation in order for your child to return immediately after travel.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we adjust to new data and guidelines. We look forward to having students return for in-person instruction 5 days per week.

Sincerely,

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