



## **WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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Hello Colonia High School families,

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns. As Superintendent, a fellow neighbor, and resident of Colonia, I understand the impact this matter has on our community and hope to clarify some of your concerns.

Remote instruction was created by the State of New Jersey, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In September, the State prohibited Boards from continuing to offer remote instruction. Once the Governor mandated the return to in-person instruction, school districts were required to have their local Departments of Health identify/confirm any health concerns, prior to their being able to offer remote instruction. I have made several inquiries with the New Jersey Department of Education, in an effort to determine whether there could be any exception to this rule, but was informed that remote instruction is only available in the event of an active health crisis or emergency. At this time, the Woodbridge Township Board of Health has informed me that there is no substantiated public health concern related to Colonia High School. I again reached out to the County Superintendent to confirm that this was the only process by which remote instruction could be permitted. Thus, based on the criteria set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education, unfortunately remote instruction is currently not an option.

I remain steadfast and committed to providing our families with the most up-to-date information as we continue investigating the situation. I will continue to send updates to the Colonia High School community as additional information becomes available, including testing results, our coordination with State and Federal agencies, and any other information that is relevant to ensuring that Colonia High School is a safe learning and working environment. The administration and I will continue to work for and with the Colonia community as we navigate this situation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Massimino