



October 22, 2020

Dear Washington Township Families,

We are already nearing the end of our second month of school for the 2020-21 school year! I want to take this opportunity to say how very impressed and appreciative I am of our TWP students, staff, and community as we have worked together to keep our students and staff in school and safe. As I visit our buildings, I see staff and students wearing their masks, social distancing, and taking the necessary precautions to keep themselves and each other safe and healthy. I am immensely proud of the way that we have pulled together to help each other, though, I cannot say I am surprised at this level of dedication from our TWP.

As we are approaching some days off in our [calendar](#) as well as the holiday season, it is my sincere hope that you are able to take this time to relax, see friends and family, and recharge. I know this is also traditionally a time for travel and vacations. I kindly ask that if you are traveling to please continue to utilize the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommended safety guidelines such as wearing a mask, frequent handwashing, social distancing, etc. If you are traveling to an area on [New Jersey's Travel Advisory List](#), I urge you to consider the State of New Jersey's recommendation to quarantine your family for 14 calendar days upon your return. Should you choose to utilize this measure to help us protect our staff and students, your children are most welcome to avail themselves of our remote instruction during that time. If they are present remotely, this time will not be counted as an absence. We would sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Please see the link, [Self-Quarantine for Travelers Frequently Asked Questions](#), for further information. If you are traveling abroad, please see these [Travel Advisories](#) from the U.S. Department of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Again, I am sincerely grateful of your efforts, many of which have been difficult, but necessary, in order to keep instruction progressing. I am deeply appreciative of your support.

Kind regards,

Joseph N. Bollendorf  
Superintendent

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