



April 16, 2021

Dear Paramus Community,

We have just completed a successful first week of Phase III, which included the greatest number of in-person learners in each grade level since the initial statewide shutdown in March 2020. As we have seen throughout this school year, our students and staff have adapted to the updated protocols seamlessly.

Phase IV

As a key component of our responsibility to maintain a balance between mitigating the “risk of disease transmission with the benefits of offering in-person instruction to as many children as possible,” and as referenced in the [March 30, 2021 Community Update](#), the administration and support staff have been working on identifying viable timeframes for the implementation of Phase IV.

- **Middle/High School**

- After careful consideration and exploration, it has been determined that Phase IV is **not** a viable option for the middle and high school levels this school year; instead, full in-person school days will be implemented at these levels **September 2021**. The potential benefits of full days of in-person instruction are greatly outweighed by the adverse impacts that would be created by the changes required to overhaul the students’ schedules and relocate students once again, particularly considering the relatively short period of time this change would have been in effect.
- Therefore, Phase III--with its current protocols--will continue through the end of this school year for the middle and high schools.

- **Preschool/Elementary School**

- Due to the nature of the preschool and elementary schedules, the implementation of full days of in-person learning does not necessitate the same degree of scheduling change that exists at the middle and high schools.
- Therefore, the preschool and elementary schools **are** able to implement Phase IV during this school year, with a target start date of Monday, May 10.
- Although more detailed information regarding specific school building protocols and schedules will be provided to families at the preschool and elementary level, the general protocols for this next phase can be reviewed in the [Phase IV: Overview](#) document.



Travel Quarantine Protocols

Next week many of us will be enjoying Spring Break. While we look forward to seeing our rejuvenated students following the break, it is essential that every one of our families adheres to the travel and quarantine guidelines. These protocols are **not** optional and must be fully followed in order to ensure the continued health and safety of our students and staff. To that end:

- Please carefully review the [Spring Break Travel Quarantine](#) message created by our school nurses. It contains important information regarding quarantine requirements following out-of-state travel.
- The daily wellness form submitted each morning through Genesis will be modified following Spring Break to include a required separate affirmation regarding travel status.

If you have any questions about the travel quarantine protocols, please reach out to your child's school nurse for assistance. Contact information for each school nurse is included in the attached [Spring Break Travel Quarantine](#) message.

I hope everyone enjoys the break and finds opportunities for some much-needed relaxation and restoration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Adams", written in a cursive style.

Sean Adams
Superintendent of Schools