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November 22, 2020 Update

Dear Parents/Guardians of RFH Students:

This is a difficult letter to send to our community. The faculty, staff, parents, students, Board of Education and community members of Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School came together during the past ten weeks to provide rigorous and engaging in-person instruction and services, as well as extracurricular activities, in a way that protected the health and safety of our students and staff. We are proud of what we have accomplished, and what our students have accomplished. However, the rising rate of infection in our area has impacted our school, and as a result, **RFH will implement its Fully Virtual Phase, effective Monday, November 23, 2020, for at least 14 days.**

On Friday, November 20, 2020, information released by the NJ Department of Health indicates that RFH is in part of the state that is considered [High Risk](#) for the possible transmission of COVID-19. Furthermore, since the update provided late on Thursday, November 19, 2020 about a positive COVID case, we were notified of three additional cases of members of the RFH community. Close contacts of those additional cases have been notified. As of Sunday, November 22, there are 56 members of RFH quarantining, with 8 of these people testing positive for COVID. Additionally, the communities of Rumson and Fair Haven have seen 72 new COVID cases in the first 20 days of November, after having averaged less than 20 cases per month since April, 2020. We have reviewed this data with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission.

RFH will implement its Fully Virtual Phase, effective Monday, November 23, 2020, for at least 14 days. It is our plan to return to our Hybrid Phase on Monday, December 7, 2020. On Monday, November 23 students will follow the Virtual Day One schedule. The [Marking Period 2 Calendar](#) has been updated. All onsite extracurricular activities will be suspended. The decision to return to onsite instruction will be guided by the COVID activity at RFH, in Rumson and Fair Haven and in our region at that time. An update about our return will be provided to you on December 3, 2020.

All students will participate virtually from 11/23- 12/4 according to this schedule and [calendar](#).

<u>Virtual Day 1</u>	<u>Virtual Day 2</u>	
PERIOD	PERIOD	TIME
1	3	7:45 – 8:45
2	4	8:55– 9:55
Break	Break	
5	7	10:15 – 11:15
6	8	11:25 – 12:25

Students are reminded that their participation in every online class, except Study Hall, is required. Students who are more than ten minutes late to any virtual class, or who do not remain in class throughout the class period will be considered absent. Please review the [Student Handbook](#) for the RFH Attendance Policy.

Families are reminded that **travel to a state on [NJ's quarantine list](#) requires that the student quarantines for 14 days upon return.** The quarantine applies to onsite instruction and all activities and athletics. Additionally, students must have a device and an appropriate internet connection in order to attend class virtually if they must travel.

We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School is committed to ensuring the continuity of instruction for all students, and we look forward to a successful Virtual Phase. If your child needs to borrow a device, please send an email to rfhbulldogs@rumsonfairhaven.org. Visit our website, and specifically, our [Wellness Page](#), where you will find resources and advice if you or your children are having difficulty during this time. Additionally, please encourage your child to use the afternoon hours that have been set aside for teachers to provide extra help to our students.

I look forward to welcoming our students back into the building. In the meantime, I hope that you and your family stay well during the holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay Well,

Debra Gulick

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Superintendent