

## Pearl River School District

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Dear Pearl River School Community,

As you know, there has been an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the county and in the region. You may also be aware of some school districts considering a transition to remote learning through the holiday season. This is very much a local decision, based on local circumstances within a community.

We have worked hard to create environments at each school that would provide for as much in-person instruction as possible. Our goal has been to keep our schools open to the greatest extent possible while not compromising health and safety. When we have closed in-person instruction at a school and switched to remote learning, it has been because of the large number of staff having to quarantine. Each time a new case of COVID-19 is identified in a school setting, we take care to review the details of the event with the Rockland County Department of Health so that we understand the course of action required.

We will continue to monitor all pertinent health information available from the Rockland County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Health. If external conditions should warrant any action on the part of the school district, we will respond accordingly. At this time we are going to continue with our hybrid model and do our best to operate our schools as safely as possible for our students, staff, and their families.

Sincerely,

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