



Nutley Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

At a special meeting of the Board of Education held last night, the Board voted to approve a resolution which will keep students in grades PreK through 6 and self-contained special education in their current hybrid schedule until Wednesday, November 25.

Students in grades 7 through 12 will NOT return to school on November 16 as originally scheduled. They will remain virtual during this time.

The return of all students and teachers to 100% virtual instruction will begin on Monday, November 30. The timeline for a return to school will be revisited at the December 21 Board of Education meeting. At this time, no return date has been specified.

Information regarding childcare options will be shared with the community, and will be available five days per week, 7AM until 6 PM. Meals will be provided. Additionally, the community meal distribution will continue each Wednesday from 10 AM until 1:00 PM from Lincoln School.

Please know that the Board and I did not come to this decision lightly. We have seen the rising numbers of cases both locally and nationally, witnessed cold temperatures in classrooms and schools, and recognize the potential for holiday travel and celebrations, which while not advised, may be a reality for many. As we have done since the start of the pandemic, we must maintain our first priority as the health and safety of our staff, students, and families.

We do wish to return to a sense of "normal" as soon as possible and we will make every effort to do so, albeit at some point in the future. Staff is working longer and harder in this environment to continue the delivery of instruction, make connections with you, and your students and keep school as engaging as possible. We know you face many challenges and the district will continue to provide support, especially during the upcoming holiday season. If you or your student requires support, please reach out to your child's teacher or your building Principal. In addition, there are a number of resources available on the district website and from School Counseling at <https://www.nutleyschools.org/departments/schoolcounseling/wellness>.

To return to in-person learning, local data will need to demonstrate a clear and lasting decrease in COVID-19 cases. Reaching this milestone will take cooperation from our entire learning community in following best practices we know to prevent the spread. Please continue to wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands, and stay home if you are feeling unwell. Together we make a difference to the whole learning community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Glazer
Superintendent

Charles Kucinski
Board of Education President