



Happy New Year!

The CDC and the PA Department of Health issued new guidance over the past week. I have attached a rather lengthy letter that provides more information for parents about our current status and protocols based on the current new guidance. I also attached a brief summary of the specific changes for isolation and quarantine guidelines. The summary is an attempt to try to clarify some of the very confusing information.

As we well know, there could be changes from the Pa DoH and/or PDE at a moment's notice. If changes must occur, I will notify parents as soon as possible. Barring any late breaking news, I'll send another update to parents on Friday.

We need to work together and get through these next few weeks, one day at a time. We do not want to close schools, but it could occur, if we don't have enough staff or there are significant outbreaks within our classrooms and schools. We fully believe that in person learning is what's best for our students in all aspects - academically, socially, and emotionally. In order to maintain that and to keep our students and staff safe, we are urging parents to work with us and support personal safety measures again this January.

Thank you so very much for your support, patience and understanding as we try to navigate these very challenging and ever-changing times. Best wishes for the happiest and healthiest new years!

Sincerely,

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