



Single Cohort Schedule Update

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Ramapo Indian Hills Regional H.S. District

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Dear Ramapo/Indian Hills Parents, Students and Staff,

As you know, we have planned to implement our combined cohorts coming to school following a five-day schedule which was to begin next Tuesday, January 19, at Indian Hills and on January 25, at Ramapo after following their 14-day quarantine.

After following New Jersey Health Updates specifically for Bergen County and working with all of our school nurses, our school safety specialist and administrators along with the support of the Board of Education, I have decided to put a hold on this plan until February 1, 2021 which is the start of our next marking period.

The reason for this change is based on the recent increase of cases in the state where we have seen numbers climb from over 3,000 new cases to over 7,000 new cases in the last four days. According to state reports this is a 63% increase from a little over two weeks ago when I made my initial recommendation to move ahead with our new plan.

More importantly, the rates within our own FLOW community have also indicated some alarming information including the hospitalizations of two in school individuals and the number of entire families in both schools who are currently in quarantine. Another area of concern is the presumptive number of student cases which have been shared with me which equal 36 cases for Indian Hills High School and 48 students at Ramapo High School.

It is important for you to know that this decision was made with the safety of our students, staff and community in mind. I know that so many of us want to return to a schedule that reflects a more normal school environment, and although my intentions were to do so, I along with my administration and the Board of Education believe that based on this new information this is not the right time to increase our daily population.

I will continue to update everyone with any additional information regarding changes both positive and those that continue to challenge our patience.

Looking forward to better days for all of us especially our students.

Sincerely,

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