



Newark Board of Education

Roger León, Superintendent

Where Passion Meets Progress

October 19, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this communication finds you, your children, and your families in the best of health.

We are at a very important stage in our efforts to return to some sense of normalcy during these unprecedented times. I know that everyone is excited about our anticipated return to school, but the health and safety of our students and staff remains my first priority.

Given all of the factors and guidance regarding this global pandemic, I must extend remote instruction until after the start of the new year. While the future may consist of factors beyond our control, our goal is to begin in-person (hybrid model) instruction for students on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Within the next two weeks, please complete the Newark Reopening Plan Survey, which will assist your child's school in their preparation efforts. During the next two months, we will continue to conduct school site visits to make sure every school and classroom remains ready. In January, all employees in the district will be Covid-19 tested (negative) in order to return back to work.

I know that you have exercised incredible flexibility and patience. I am very proud of you, your children, and our staff. We will get through this, because we will do it together.

Please continue to reach out to your child's principal, teacher, or members of the school's pandemic response team, if you need any assistance, support, or if any of your survey responses require changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger León".

Roger León
Superintendent