



Superintendent Message

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Ramapo Indian Hills Regional H.S. District

Superintendent Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope your family is well, both physically and mentally. We have been home now for six weeks and in some ways it feels like six months and in other ways, it feels like six days. At any rate, everyone is experiencing the same range of emotions from forever grateful if we are lucky enough to still have all of our family and friends healthy to frustrated with being cooped up looking at the same people day in and day out..... not that we don't love our families but this brings patience and tolerance to a whole new level.

Our teachers and staff continue to do an amazing job of keeping our students up to date with all of their course work. We also continue to emphasize the importance of "connectedness" and staying in touch with students through Zoom or other face-to-face platforms and reaching students so they feel connected to both their teacher and classmates. Isolation can become a difficult problem for adults and teenagers and we are doing everything we can to maintain a sense of community in our high schools. Many thanks to the APTS and the PTSO for arranging Zoom meetings this month. It helps to keep everyone connected and in the loop with everything going on and a nice way to see some different faces!

As you know, our schools remain closed according to Governor Murphy "until at least May 15." At this point, it seems highly unlikely that we will re-open during this school year since 39 states have already closed for the balance of the school year and our area has been hit harder than most others. Additionally, we have donated all PPE to Valley Hospital, including gloves, masks, and face shields and it would be nearly impossible to secure any more prior to mid-May. We have left all planned

events on the calendar through the balance of the school year until we get further word from the governor on whether we will re-open or remain closed.

As we approach the last week of April, I am hopeful that the weather will begin warming up a bit and we may start seeing more sunny days than rainy days. A bit of sunshine and warmth would serve us all well.

In closing, I would like to thank the many parents serving as essential workers during this difficult time. Your service to our extended community is so greatly appreciated. While many of us are working from home, we all need to think for a moment about those who serve in a capacity to make our life while working from home a little easier and of course the many health care professionals treating the sick. Many thanks to all.

Best regards and stay well,

Beverly MacKay

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