



October 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Rumson School District,

Since the opening of school I have been beyond impressed with the vigilance displayed by parents, students and staff. Our students demonstrate vigilance when they follow the many protocols in place during their in-person days and through navigating their virtual instruction during at-home learning. Our staff demonstrate vigilance through their successful balance of planning and instruction for both their students in school and those who are learning at home. Our parents demonstrate vigilance by using caution when deciding to send their children to school. This caution includes completing the daily Genesis screening and communicating with district administration and school nurses when uncertain about symptoms and exposures.

On a daily basis we spend time answering parent inquiries regarding whether or not to send their child to school in order to ensure schools can stay open and students and staff can stay safe. This time spent on both ends has proven to be effective and well worth it! In situations where your child may have been exposed to a COVID-positive individual or is displaying a combination of symptoms, it is always best to keep him or her home and follow up with the school. This is exactly what has been happening and it is why we continue to move forward in our plans.

With that being said and with surrounding districts facing closures, it is critical that parents remain vigilant. While it is unrealistic to believe our own district will not face tough decisions around the need to go virtual at some point, such vigilance each and every day buys us the time to focus on teaching and learning instead.

It is for this reason that I send you this survey link. I ask that one parent/guardian for each family in the district complete the survey [linked here](#) and on our district website - [www.rumsonschool.org](http://www.rumsonschool.org). This survey, combined with CDC local transmission rate data, input from Hackensack Meridian Health, and staff input will serve as the backbone to decisions being made for the return of additional students to school for in-person instruction.

Please complete this survey by the end of the day on **Thursday, October 8th**. *Completion of this survey is extremely important as the data collected will allow for appropriate decisions to be made.*

### [Rumson In-Person Projection Survey](#)

I look forward to communicating with you soon regarding our next steps. In the meantime, we ask that you remain vigilant in your decisions to keep children home when exposure and/or positivity for COVID-19 is a possibility.

With pride,  
Dr. John E. Bormann  
Superintendent of the Borough of Rumson School District

