

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that three (3) Hamilton Elementary staff members tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). Two of the staff members were last in the district on Friday, November 20th, 2020. The remaining staff member was last in the building on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020. Immediately after being notified of this case, in compliance with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), the district conferred with the school doctor, the Borough Office of Emergency Management, the Glen Rock Board of Health and other school and local officials.

Individuals who came into close contact (meaning closer than 6 feet for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period) with two of the staff members have been identified and District Contact Tracers completed communication this morning with any affected individuals to provide quarantine instructions. Contact tracing for the remaining staff member will be completed by 12:00 pm, Monday, November 23rd, 2020. If you do not receive a call from one of our District Contact Tracers by then, your child was not in close contact. **Please be advised that our Contact Tracers determined that, unfortunately, it is likely that two of the staff members contracted COVID-19 within the school. The District believes that the remaining staff member did not contract COVID-19 while in school.**

Based on [New Jersey Department of Health guidelines](#), we are required to close Hamilton Elementary for 14 days. As such, Hamilton Elementary will have virtual instruction from Monday, November 23rd, 2020 - Friday, December 4th, 2020. Hamilton Elementary will return to in-person instruction via the AM/PM schedule on Monday, December 7th, 2020. Hamilton Elementary parents will receive communication from Ms. Pierides with further information by the end of the day today.

Please be advised that, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, there will be no change to the schedule for Byrd, Central and Coleman. All will continue to have in-person instruction until circumstances dictate otherwise. The High School and Middle School will return to in-person instruction on Monday, November 30th, 2020.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant in your approach to dealing with this health concern. It is critical that those who are asked to quarantine do so. In addition, we must all be cognizant of the repercussions for not adhering to [Executive Order #196](#). We must all do our part to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and community. Our actions today can have a positive impact on school, activities, events, and milestone events, such as prom and graduation, for the remainder of the school year.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 symptoms, or any other concerns for you or your child, please consult your physician. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact your child's school nurse and/or principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Brett Charleston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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