

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Glen Rock Staff, Students and Parents,

As a follow up to our communication from last week, I wanted to inform everyone that the district will remain open next week. The decision is made based on the [New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Activity Level Index \(CALI\)](#), guidance from the [New Jersey Department of Health recommendations for K-12 schools](#) and in consultation with the school doctor and local Board of Health.

We continue to monitor remote instruction for our quarantined students and have provided additional resources at all schools. We were able to secure additional substitutes for the HS/MS thus eliminating many classes from reporting to the auditorium. In addition, we installed document cameras, as needed, in several elementary classrooms so that students on quarantine have the ability to “zoom” into the classroom.

While there were initial concerns about elementary students zooming into classrooms, the elementary principals report that, so far, the situation is working. It is more challenging for the younger grades, and we are working on ways to provide additional support for these learners. The Restart Committee met this past Monday and discussed options for elementary students that are quarantined, and we will continue to monitor this situation. If the numbers of quarantined students increase, we will reevaluate and pivot as needed.

As previously shared, these are difficult times for teachers, staff, students and parents. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of all and will reevaluate each week on whether or not Glen Rock Schools can remain open while providing the most effective education for our students during the pandemic. As such, please be advised that we are

committed to keeping schools open through December 18th unless circumstances dictate otherwise, such as changes in the CALI score, NJDOH guidance or our ability to properly staff the schools. The decision to remain open for the week of December 21st will be communicated out no later than Thursday, December 17th.

We are doing our best and understand that we are all struggling with how to best educate your children during this health crisis. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during these difficult times.

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Be well,

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

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