



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF BRENTWOOD

January 5, 2022

Dear Elroy Families,

As you are aware, COVID-19 cases are at an all-time high in our area. Since returning from break, several of our staff members have been in quarantine. Even with the other schools in the district sharing substitutes with us, we are still experiencing a staff shortage. We felt it was necessary to share with families some of the schedule changes we have been using to address the staffing shortages.

Our goal remains to teach our students in-person instead of returning to remote instruction. For us to accomplish this, we have split homerooms, as well as cancel special and ancillary services. It is possible that your child may share that they did not have a specific class due to the schedule changes outlined above. We are monitoring this closely and take responsibility for making up missed classes and services.

We are also continuing our approach of working through the pandemic as a team. We greatly appreciated the phone calls and emails from families notifying us of positive cases. Please continue to do this. Secondly, vaccines are available to children over five years old. Please discuss with your pediatrician the options for vaccinating your child(ren). The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) has updated the COVID-19 guidance. Since the guidance is based on children's ages, please call one of our school nurses to discuss your family's situation.

If we are unable to safely staff the building, we will notify families via Skylert which includes a phone call and an email. The letter would also be posted on the Elroy website. Please take a few moments to make sure that your contact information is updated in Skyward. In addition, be sure that your phone carrier and email provider does not identify school messages as spam. We will attempt to exhaust all other options prior to moving to remote instruction.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Ailes at 412-881-4484 ext. 3200.

Sincerely,

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