



May 3, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We are hereby informing you that the Hillside Board of Education will be resuming in person instruction on Monday May 24, 2021. You are respectfully requested to notify your child's teacher by Friday May 7, 2021 by email if your child will be returning to in person instruction or you will be opting to continue remote instruction for the 2020-21 academic year.

In our daily effort to provide a quality education and a safe environment for students and staff we have updated all classroom air exchanges to meet mandated requirements. We have also installed temperature checks at all main entrances and properly distanced furnishings throughout the buildings.

We previously made the decision to remain closed until September but as evidenced by only 5 New Jersey school districts still remaining fully remote, circumstances have drastically changed for the better. Although the time that we live in is unprecedented, providing an **option** to return to in person instruction is a positive step towards normalcy.

Optional in-person instruction will start May 24th and continue through June 21st. In person instruction will run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday ending 12:30 P.M. and virtual learning only for all Wednesdays, ending at 12:30 PM. For those parents who opt for virtual learning starting May 24th, instruction will be half days Monday through Friday.

Courtesy bussing will not be available during this optional in person time period. If you have any questions, please contact your child's School Principal.

Thank you for understanding. As always, a better tomorrow starts with us today.

Sincerely,

A. Robert Gregory

Interim Superintendent