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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well as the second marking period is underway. This has certainly been one of the most challenging school years and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. With that said, here are some updates from the Ramapo Indian Hills District.

Half-days

We have two half-days coming up; one on November 25th and the second on December 23. The schedule for both of these days will follow the regular 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 "synchronous" student minimum day bell schedule (7:35 AM - 11:51 AM). November 25th will follow a B day schedule and December 23 will follow an A day schedule. Students will attend both half-days virtually and are expected to follow all regular attendance procedures for virtual instruction. Please reference the [RIH 2020-2021 schedule](#) via Google for more information.

Schedule and Surveys

A [proposed schedule](#) was discussed at the November 9th Board of Education meeting. Since the meeting, we have received plenty of feedback from the public, and as a result, have [revised the proposed schedule](#) to include an additional (sixth) forty minute period during the morning (face-to-face) session, which leaves three thirty-minute periods meeting virtually in the afternoon. This will extend the in-person morning session from the current 11:34 AM to a proposed 11:55 AM. In addition, this proposed schedule increases the daily instructional time, the time that a single class

meets over a 24 day period (the common benchmark when comparing these schedules), and increases the time for a face-to-face class from 30 minutes to 40 minutes.

We also understand there are several questions still remaining that need additional time to research and develop solutions for potential future implementation and changes. To help gather input and feedback, we are asking for [parents](#) and [students](#) to complete their respective surveys by November 30, 2020. The surveys shouldn't take more than 5-10 minutes to complete, and all feedback is welcomed.

Assessments

The Start Strong Assessments are well underway in the applicable classes (English 9 and English 10, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2, and all 11th grade Science courses). Your child may have noticed their login information posted in Genesis. Genesis was an easy way for the District to disseminate this information in our current hybrid / remote environment, and teachers will be assigning these to students through December 14, 2020. For more information regarding the Start Strong Assessments, please reference the [District Assessment Schedule](#) and / or the [NJ DOE Assessment](#) webpage.

The District is also planning to move forward with Quarterly Assessments for the second marking period. The District Assessment Schedule will be updated early next week with revised quarterly assessment information, and additional information will be disseminated by the classroom teachers.

Wellness Weekend

Thanksgiving is a great time to reflect, give thanks, and spend time with our loved ones in our lives, either in real life or virtually. It is also the District's first wellness weekend for the year, which not only goes to our students but the faculty and staff as well. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you can take some time to disconnect and enjoy the wellness weekend!

Again, thank you for your ongoing support, patience, and understanding.

Regards,

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