



# Cape Henlopen School District

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Dear Cape Staff/Families,

As mentioned in my communication on December 4, 2020, the District made a decision to continue with our hybrid learning plan that has been in place since the start of the school year. That decision was made with a disclaimer of going remote only if we experienced significant operational issues, or felt that providing in-person instruction was going to compromise the safety of our students and staff.

Unfortunately, the number of necessary quarantines for the positive cases have increased over the last few days. This increase in quarantines, along with a lack of substitute teacher coverage in the classrooms has caused operational challenges for our schools. As winter break approaches, these operational concerns become more challenging, and because of this, we have made the difficult decision to take a "pause" from our hybrid learning model for three days beginning Friday, December 18 until Tuesday, December 22. We will continue our hybrid learning model through Thursday, December 17, 2020.

**ALL students will participate in remote learning on:**

- **Friday, December 18**
- **Monday, December 21**
- **Tuesday, December 22**

Students and families can expect to receive more information from their school and/or individual teachers on this topic later this week. Staff will receive more information from their building administration.

Please know that it is our intention to return to our hybrid learning plan on Monday, January 4, 2021. We will continue to monitor District COVID-19 and staffing data over our winter break and notify you as soon as possible if there are any changes to our plan.

We want you to know that these decisions are never made lightly, and that we will continue to do everything we can to keep our students and staff safe and in school as much as possible. I am still incredibly CAPE proud of our students, staff and families who regularly go above and beyond to do what is best for the students in the Cape Henlopen School District, and I am looking forward to the day when we can welcome ALL of our students back into our buildings!

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you for your continued support throughout these last few months. Please have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Bob Fulton  
Superintendent