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Dear Bayonne Community Member,

I hope 2021 finds you and your families well. As we enter this new year, we are reminded that COVID-19 continues to spread. We also know our community is preparing for the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine. The Bayonne school district remains engaged in mitigating COVID-19 with our City, County and State Department of Health and the New Jersey Department of Education. We do continue to face challenges with the spread of COVID-19.

During the last couple of weeks we have had outbreaks of COVID-19 within our district among our employees. We are attempting to start and continue our winter sports programs at the High School. As always we will continue to update our community if we experience any positive cases.

We are also cognizant of colleagues in other surrounding school district that have tragically and unfortunately passed away from complications of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a formable foe and we are working every day to strategize how we can return to school in a safe environment.

At the Board of Education meeting in January we will announce our latest's update to our remote learning plan; which will most likely, inform our community that we will continue remote learning at least until the end of February.

Having assumed the Superintendent position last year, I would have never thought of a pandemic striking the world. However, I would like to thank all of you for the support, suggestions, comments, concerns and questions that you have brought to my office and all of the administrators during these difficult times. We will return to school; we will enjoy each other's company; and we can't wait to see our students back in class.

We are all in this together and as always, the safety and security of all of our students, families, community and our employees remains my number one priority. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John J. Niesz  
Superintendent