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Good Afternoon Bayonne Community,

We would like to take a moment to wish you and your families a happy and restful winter break and a safe and healthy New Year. While the last few holidays have looked much different, it is still a time to reflect on the relationships we value and the loved ones we hold dear, whether that be in person or over Google meet.

As members of the Bayonne Board of Education family I want to thank you all for your commitment to each other. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed.

Some important announcements:

1. Please be advised that at Bayonne High School all students will not be permitted to leave for lunch after 1/1/22. All BHS students will have lunch inside the building. BHS students can have lunch on our new outdoor picnic tables if the weather is permitting.
2. **When we return on January 3, 2022, is the Bayonne School District planning to close and switch to virtual instruction? No - not** at this current time - however, please read below:

We are in constant communication with the Department of Health. As the new variants of COVID-19 continue to impact our daily lives our decision could change.

For all students, faculty, administration, and employees please **bring home all laptops and books over the winter break. While we do not anticipate closing our schools for another COVID-19 shutdown, we would rather be prepared for any type of emergency.** I believe it is better to be prepared for the unexpected.

One thing COVID-19 has taught us - there is no playbook to follow other than being prepared for the unexpected. We will keep you informed and updated. If we must make any changes to our decision, we will advise everyone as soon as possible.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyful winter season.

John J. Niesz  
Superintendent of Schools

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