

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families.

This message is to let you know that our school year is resuming on Monday, January 3 as scheduled with in-person school days and regular hours. Surrounding districts, including our fellow Lenape Region districts, are also proceeding with in-person learning as planned. Factors among others that can still impact in-person learning are staffing levels and statewide determinations by the Governor and/or NJ Department of Education.

Our 2021-22 <u>ETSD Safe Return Plan</u>, updated regularly, will continue to guide our health and safety practices and protocols as it has all year. We will continue to provide safe learning environments for our students and staff, as we have since first resuming in-person school in September, 2020.

Please note, today the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) informed districts that the revisions released this week by the CDC regarding shorter quarantine time frames do not yet apply to school settings. Thus, our district is continuing to follow the NJ Dept. of Health Guidance for School Districts with its 10 day close contact quarantine time frame (or returning to school after day 7 with a negative test between days 5-7). Please contact your school nurse with any questions regarding quarantines. A friendly reminder, please keep your children home if they are showing symptoms or you are waiting for covid test results for them.

Dedicated staff, students eager to learn, supportive families—no better combination for success in 2022, or any year.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe New Year's,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools