

GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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What a year this week has been.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

When I sent the winter advisory email last week the weather report was calling for three inches of snow. I hope that everyone has dug out from the 18 inches of snow and that your children were happy to return to in-person school today.

Today was the 90th day of school which means we are at the halfway point of the unprecedented 2020-2021 school year. Our staff remains diligent in following the health protocols for COVID-19. I know parents are also following the protocols as we are one of the few districts that have remained open since September. I appreciate all that you are doing to keep our school community open and safe!

Since September we have had five staff members and eleven students test positive for COVID-19. Following the NJDOH guidelines and working with the Westfield Health Department we placed the fifth grade on remote in December and the seventh grade on remote in January for the required fourteen days of quarantine. I recognize that many parents would like more detailed information however privacy rights prohibit me from sharing anything further. We remain hopeful that our protocols of masking, screening, social distancing and enhanced cleaning will continue to minimize the risk of transmission in the school environment.

Be well! Be safe!

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