

The School District of Jenkintown West and Highland Avenue Jenkintown, PA 19046-2698

November 13, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Students,

As mentioned in my correspondence on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, we are currently experiencing a surge of Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations across the county. As a result, this afternoon the Montgomery County Office of Public Health unanimously voted to move all schools to a "virtual only" model of learning from Monday, 11/23/20 through Sunday, 12/6/20. Our primary goal is the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

In light of the current health crisis, we recognize that this decision is necessary to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and in fact, may assist us in staying open throughout the winter months. However, please be assured that we will continue with our model of direct instruction in all classrooms K-12. Our teachers will have full access to all educational resources during this time period.

We have experienced much success in keeping our doors open. As I mentioned in my previous letter, this has been possible due to the extraordinary efforts of our students, families, and staff. We implore you to keep up your vigilance and conscious efforts as we head into the winter months.

Wishing everyone good health.

Stay safe and be well,

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Superintendent of Schools

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