

# Lindenwold Board of Education

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Dear Lindenwold School Community,

It is with a heavy heart that we announce today that the Lindenwold School District will not move forward with in-person learning next week and will remain all remote at this time. In spite of our best efforts and months of planning, recent developments this week have led us to this decision. Over the last couple of days, we have seen an increase in the number of positive cases among our students, families, and staff. Positivity rates in Camden County are up significantly this week and are expected to continue to rise. New definitions for determining close contacts and corresponding quarantine requirements combined with staff vacancies and additional requests for leaves of absence due to serious health conditions and childcare have added to our staffing challenges this week.

At this time, we are planning to remain all remote for the second marking period which starts this Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with a new target date to return to in-person learning on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be updating our Return to School Plan accordingly.

This is not a decision that we take lightly. We are deeply committed to the safety and well-being of all of our students and staff as well as their families. We know that this will bring great disappointment to some and great relief to others. We wish everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday season.

In partnership,

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