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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to take this opportunity to extend my wishes for a healthy, safe, and prosperous new year.

We are continuing to support all students in the virtual learning model with professionalism and compassion. Thank you for your continued support of your children's learning during this challenging period.

Linden Public Schools were scheduled to return to a hybrid model on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, for both elementary and secondary students. We have been working closely with the Linden Department of Health to monitor COVID-19 infections in Linden. **Unfortunately, on Thursday, January 7, 2021, Linden's status was placed back in the red zone because of the increased infection rate.**

Linden being placed back in the red zone, does not allow us to pivot back into in-person instruction, unless we can return to the orange zone by January 14, 2021. COVID-19 data is released by the Linden Department of Health every Thursday. If there is a significant change in Linden's COVID-19 status, employees and parents will be notified.

I encourage everyone to follow CDC and Department of Health guidelines for wearing face masks, socially distancing, and washing your hands. Our children need to be back in school, but only if it is safe for them and our beloved Linden staff.

Also, be aware that when we return to school, we will require students to quarantine for 7 days after domestic travel and 14 days following international travel.

Thank you in advance for your continued support; I look forward to seeing our students soon.

Carpe diem,

Dr. Marnie Hazelton
Superintendent of Schools

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