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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Linden Public Schools had been scheduled to return to a hybrid model on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, for both elementary and secondary students. Unfortunately, on Thursday, January 14, 2021, Linden's status was in the red zone because of an increased COVID-19 infection rate.

Therefore, **we will continue in a virtual learning model** until further notice. School staff will return to our buildings on a staggered basis.

Our staff is continuing to support all students with professionalism and compassion. Thank you for your continued support of your children's learning during this challenging period.

We will continue to monitor COVID-19 data along with the Linden Department of Health in order to decide when we can safely pivot back into in-person instruction. 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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