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Dear ETSD Families,

This update highlights: Substitute Teaching Pay Increase, Post Winter Break Learning Plans Survey for Parents of Full Remote Students, and a Budget Update. As next week is shortened due to parent teacher conferences, I am not planning to send an Update for ETSD Families next week.

I would like to thank all our staff--teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, Special Services staff, bus drivers, technology and facilities staff, and more--for their hard work in getting us to this point on the calendar, Parent Teacher Conferences, with in-person learning going strong, and synchronous and asynchronous remote learning throughout. Given all the challenges of making learning possible during a pandemic, evidenced by districts state-wide that are or have been full remote, I feel incredibly privileged to work with this team, a team that includes our families and community members, who continue to support this entire process by encouraging our staff, provisioning resources (got picnic tables?), and making safe choices with regard to masks, social distancing, and more.

Every day of learning is something to celebrate.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Our daily sub pay has increased to **\$120 per day**. If you are interested in substituting, please contact Darlene Yerardi (856-983-1800 x5104) about the application process. Substitutes must have at least 60 college credits or a N.J. Teaching Certificate. **A great way to make a difference.**

https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/departments/personnel/substitute_teaching_in_evesham

Post Winter Break Learning Plans Survey in Genesis

This survey form is being shared with parents of Cohort R (full remote) students in Genesis at 2 pm today. The survey introduction reads:

We value your input and partnership in your child's education. This survey has been shared with the parents of our full remote students (Cohort R). This survey lets us gather parents' choices for the time period starting Jan. 1, 2021. Please note, if more parents choose in-person learning via this survey than chose it via our survey in August, it may only be possible to offer 2 days of in-person per week in those grades.

Our goal is to be able to provide equitable learning opportunities. Per NJ Dept. of Education requirements, every district must have a process for offering in-person instruction to any parent who requests it during the year. We will do all we can to equitably maintain 4 days of in person learning where it is currently in place.



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We are asking current remote-only families to commit to one of our two learning models described below from Monday, January 4, through at least the end of the 2nd trimester, March 17. At the same time, we understand that, in the midst of a pandemic, family circumstances and more may change. Please contact your child's principal if a need should arise for a change in any decision you make on this form.

Cohorts for parents selecting the hybrid model will be shared with you in December. There may be further communication from us with individual parents in rare cases regarding options. For example, depending on the form results for an all remote class with students from more than one school, there may be multiple further options for parents to consider that can only be known once that survey data is in hand. These options could include returning to in-person learning in a different class in the home school, staying with the all-remote teacher if that teacher returns to in-person learning, staying with the all-remote teacher if that teacher is staying all remote, and/or returning to in-person learning in a different class in a different school. In any such instances, we will communicate with parents about options before plans are finalized.

In case of questions, please contact your school principal. Thank you for your patience as we realize you need this information for your planning as soon as possible, and thank you as well for completing this survey. Deadline = Wednesday, Nov. 11

Budget Update

Building on advocacy steps I shared in my 10.23.20 Update, here is a link to an Evesham-specific sample letter for legislators. The single ask in the letter is to extend the timeline for state funding reductions. [Sample Letter for NJ Legislators](#)

In the time ahead, we will add a Support Our Students page under our district website's Community tab, with additional information and resources.

Thank you,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools