Ríver Dell Regional School District

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## **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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Dear River Dell Community:

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated the unchartered waters of the public health crisis caused by COVID-19. Now that the 2020-21 school year is over, we turn our attention to the 2021-22 school year.

We will return to full-time, in-person instruction on September 2, 2021. We will follow the recent guidance published by the NJ Department of Health and the NJ Department of Education. That document – "The Road Forward" – may be found in the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information section of our website. We will provide more information as required protocols continue to evolve.

River Dell is uniquely positioned to enjoy a more normal school year because our entire student and staff population is eligible to receive a vaccine.

To date, 83% of our staff is fully vaccinated. While there is no vaccine mandate, the current guidance clearly indicates that fully vaccinated individuals will need to comply with less rigorous protocols than those who are not vaccinated. As a result, we will be collecting vaccination information for our students as families complete the Community Pass process in mid-July.

Further information will be provided at the July 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and on our website as it becomes available. You will also receive updates from each principal regarding school specific activities scheduled for July and August.

Please have a safe and COVID free summer.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Fletcher Superintendent of Schools

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