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## Community Update

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**TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT** <email@blackboard.com>

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Dear Families,

As we move into our third week of school, we continue to build on the positivity and successes of previous weeks. Teachers and staff continue to successfully straddle the threshold between in-person and remote learning environments, actively supporting instruction in all subject areas.

Today's **Asynchronous Learning Day** involved teachers and staff posting materials for students to complete on Monday. After teachers posted materials, there was time set aside for teachers to work with students and families on an as-needed basis. Our fourteen Asynchronous Learning Days will provide teachers and staff with support in redesigning instruction and modifying their teaching methods. This Monday there was technology training and professional learning on curriculum and instruction, including early literacy (through Wilson Foundations), and social-emotional learning. There was also training on security and emergency drills for aides and monitors.

Our teachers and staff continue to model resilience, perseverance, and joy. Their love of teaching is palpable, as is our students' love of learning. Tuckahoe students come to school eager and participate from home actively. When visiting a classroom, I observe teachers working simultaneously with students at home and in-person, creating innovative learning environments with new norms and procedures. We understand that there is more work to be done, and we look forward to continuous improvement.

I want to take this opportunity to underscore our collective commitment to health and safety. It has been reported that some students have been seen outside of school, gathering without masks. It is important we remember that the pandemic is not over. Please support good decision-making. Our students need schools open, so they can learn in our classrooms, participate in sports on our fields, and engage with extracurriculars.

We must work together to protect the health and well-being of our community. We ask for your continued attention to the preventative measures that your family can undertake to support our larger community.

With colder weather and the potential for flu season, we have been advised to expect an uptick in respiratory illnesses. The most important thing we can do to avoid infection is to **wear masks** and **wash/sanitize our hands**. Please consult with your child's doctor about the flu vaccine, as the flu can complicate the diagnosis of COVID-19 and co-infections are common when it comes to respiratory disease.

In closing, the staff continues to work tirelessly to make school a place where your children want to come remotely or in-person each and every day, to continuously learn and grow. We thank you for your partnership as we have opened our doors, and, in some cases, you have opened yours.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Goodman

Superintendent

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