

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear High Point Community:

On Tuesday I shared a letter [with the High Point community](#) outlining the circumstances we face regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as details regarding a possible switch from in-person instruction to fully remote instruction. We have just been notified by the Sussex County Department of Health (DOH) of another positive case within the High Point Regional community.

[The rising number of COVID-19 cases in our region](#); the recent information we have received from the DOH, and the Sussex County office of the NJ Department of Education, the three cases about which we have recently been notified and the collaboration I have had with other school leaders in the region, have led to the following decision: **High Point will be switching to full-time remote instruction starting on Monday, November 23 and going through Friday, December 11.** Although this period of remote instruction may eventually be extended, at this time we plan to resume in-person instruction on Monday, December 14.

Academic Instruction:

For next week, High Point will follow the [Thanksgiving week schedule](#), which has already been communicated to all staff and students. Starting on Monday, November 30, we will utilize our [regular, existing schedule](#), with the modification that ALL students, from all cohorts (A, B, Virtual) will be participating virtually during ALL class periods, every day.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities:

I would like to congratulate all staff and students on the completion of a tremendously successful fall sports season. It is those team building relationships and shared competition that ensure lasting memories. These components of the student experience transcend wins and losses -- they provide our students with the experiences of youth we once took for granted.

In-person athletic and extracurricular activities are suspended from Sunday, November 22, through Sunday, December 13. As of now, we plan to resume in-person athletic and extracurricular activities on December 14. On Thursday, the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) announced its plan for a [revised winter sports schedule](#). We anticipate a rescheduled January date for our fall play production Kodachrome.

If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Ripley [SRipley@hpregional.org], Principal Jon Tallamy [JTallamy@hpregional.org] or call the school at 973.875.3101. Thank you for your support and cooperation during these challenging times. I would like to wish all members of the High Point community a safe, restful and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



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Superintendent