

## Dr. Steven Morse Executive Director / Superintendent

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Dear Students, Parent/Guardians, Staff, School Districts and Transportation Companies,

This letter is to inform you that Garfield Park Academy plans to move to a full remote learning schedule beginning Monday, November 30th, 2020 through Friday, January 8th, 2021.

Throughout the COVID-19 response Garfield Park Academy has been coordinating with public health officials and following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local health department guidance in order to ensure the health and safety of our community. The school's decision to move to full remote instruction following the Thanksgiving recess is made in recognition of rising new COVID-19 case counts and infection rates statewide and especially in nearby New Jersey counties, and with the well being of our students, their families, and our staff a priority.

We're confident that our robust and comprehensive remote learning program will continue to meet the individual academic and therapeutic needs of each of our students.

As always we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. Our shared experience addressing the COVID-19 health response has taught us that we can keep one another safe, and make a difference in our families and communities.

During this full remote instruction period we encourage parents, students and staff to continue following CDC recommendations and safeguards, and adhere to New Jersey's statewide restrictions as they are adopted. We especially encourage you to be cautious and sensible in the planning of indoor holiday gatherings to protect yourselves, your families, and the wider community.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Lance Clark at 609-877-4111, extension 283 or School Nurse Jane St. John at extension 233.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Morse.

Executive Director/Superintendent