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Hello TBJH & AHS Parents/Guardians,

In response to the large number of students who were quarantined in the fall of 2021, 6-12 teachers started bringing students into face-to-face instruction via Google Meet while they were home. Since then, several things have changed:

- Universally masking at school significantly reduced the amount of contact tracing the district is mandated to do.
- 2. As of December 8 2021, DHD #4 released further guidance that changed whether or not they are recommending a quarantine based on vaccination status and universal masking. Essentially, if students were properly masked, and/or vaccinated, and are symptom free, quarantining will not be recommended.

As a result of these changes, the option to attend face-to-face instruction virtually via Google Meet while you are quarantined will be **discontinued effective Monday**, **January 24, 2022**. If your child needs to miss school, he or she can access homework through Brightspace and/or contact teachers for additional support.

In the event that we see an increase in the number of students in quarantine, we will reinstitute this option to address the need and maintain educational consistency.

Thank you for your continued support.

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