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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO EXTEND REMOTE LEARNING UNTIL MARCH 1, 2021

Superintendent Shafer made the recommendation to the Board of Education for Paterson Public Schools to extend remote learning until March 1, 2021. The Board supported the recommendation and therefore remote learning will continue. The recommendation was based on science and data. The superintendent and her team will make another assessment in Mid- Feb regarding the transmission rate and overall positive cases in the City of Paterson.

In a letter that is being sent to parents and that is posted on the District's website she states, "As I have said before about the decision to reopen school buildings, data will be our guide and safety will be our priority," and adds, "Nearly ten months after COVID-19 first emerged in New Jersey, community spread of new infections has reached an all-time high."

Almost thirty New Jersey school districts will be remote learning only after the New Year. Of the seventy school-related outbreaks, five are in Passaic County; those being Clifton, Wayne, Little Falls, Haledon, and Pompton Lakes.

The District will assess local pandemic conditions by February 15, 2021 to determine whether it is safe to reopen the District's school buildings for in-person instruction.

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