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Dear Readington Families,

I am writing to you after our first three days of online home instruction. This has been the beginning of an incredible journey for our staff and for your children! I sincerely hope you and your children are finding ways to be connected with teachers. I've seen so many great student and teacher videos posted on Twitter, teacher websites, and on Class Dojo that are surely connecting our school community.

This is the first letter coming to you as we implement remote learning. It is my intention to provide you with a parent letter updating you as to the status of the current health crisis and how it affects schools weekly on Fridays. I hope you will find this information useful and timely.

As we monitor the COVID-19 outbreak locally and globally, it has become abundantly clear that we must continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing. By an executive order Governor Murphy directed, "All public, private, and parochial preschool programs, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, will be closed beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and remain closed as long as the Order remains in effect". We are closely monitoring the situation and reassessing the duration of this school closure. However, it is getting increasingly difficult to identify a date when schools will reopen. Therefore, the district is making plans to remain closed until we receive notification from the state government to do otherwise. Readington Township Public Schools will continue implementing our home instruction plan for virtual learning. Our dedicated staff is working tirelessly to learn and implement new instructional methods.

We, as a community, have come together amid this challenge to provide for the safety and wellbeing of everyone. Our community has proven to be resilient yet flexible. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hart", written in a cursive style.

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