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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to provide brief updates regarding the COVID cases posted on our dashboard as well as the status of our programs for quarantined students.

Readington Dashboard

We have logged additional student and staff cases on our dashboard this week. You can also access the dashboard by [clicking here](#). The cases reported on the dashboard do not appear to be within-school transmission, as many of the cases that emerged this week appear to be primarily related to household contact. As always, if you are contacted by the school administration or the school nurse because your child is a close contact, please follow their instructions for quarantine. You may also be contacted by the local Hunterdon County Department of Health. Over the past few weeks we have also noted the impact of keeping children home if they are feeling ill. **Please be reminded, if your child is ill please keep your child home.** This mitigation measure reduces the amount of time an infectious individual is in school, thus significantly reducing other quarantined students.

Quarantined Students

The district has seen a number of students quarantined since the school year began. We anticipated this would occur. Students who are not ill during their quarantine period may engage in school work. We had set up programs at the beginning of the year but continue to expand our offerings as more students are quarantined. The following programs continue to develop and are designed to support students who are quarantined:

- *Virtual Tutoring*. This may occur before school, after school, or even during school hours depending on the tutoring schedule.
- *Virtual Homework Room*. This is an afterschool program designed to help all students - quarantined or not. This could be an opportunity for quarantined students to get some additional help from a teacher. We will be advertising the schedule for this in the coming weeks.

Please be patient as we reevaluate and expand these program offerings. If you have any questions or concerns about tutoring programs, please contact your classroom teacher or building administrator.

Our district forges ahead in this very challenging time as we live our mission of leading purposeful lives with integrity, cultivating a spirit of discovery, and embracing connections in our diverse, global society.

Very truly yours,

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Superintendent of Schools