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Dear Readington School Community,

We celebrate several weeks of successful expanded in-person instruction. This accomplishment has been a tangible success to the measures that have been put in place for the health and safety of our staff and students. Yesterday, our district learned that the [COVID Activity Report](#) now has our region designated as the color orange. This transition to orange now indicates a high COVID activity level. It is critical to note that this activity report is based on last week's COVID data. The delay in receiving this report means that the COVID activity represents data collected from March 7-13.

While there are aspects of school operations that will not change due to this new designation. Currently, the district is **not planning** on reverting back to hybrid (A/B day) instruction for any period of time, as this would create disruption in our educational program. However, there are school operations that will change. First, and notably, per the Hunterdon County Department of Health, individuals who are close contacts will be quarantined for 14 days with no option to test out of the quarantine period. Anyone who must quarantine will be informed of this new protocol. We are also pausing on making any announcement transitioning to in-person Wednesdays until after Spring Break.

In addition to the precautionary measures above, the following will be put in place now that we are in the orange designation:

- Physical Education classes will return to a 6-foot distance between students at all times. Less vigorous athletic activities will be provided so face coverings can be worn indoors.
- Band class and lessons will occur outdoors only using proper PPE.
- We suggest teachers conduct individual/small group conferences in a virtual setting. If conferences are in-person, they must be less than 15 minutes using a plexiglass barrier.
- Cleaning protocols will continue as they have since the beginning of the school year. Each school has received additional sanitization stations.
- In an effort to limit movement in the elementary buildings all special area classes, with the exception of PE, will be held in the homeroom class. This will be reevaluated in the coming week.
- Additional air purifying HEPA filters have been distributed to eligible classrooms to improve air quality.

We **strongly discourage travel and gatherings at this time**. As I mentioned in my previous letter, our ability to maintain school operations on our current schedule relies heavily on our collective adherence to CDC and state guidelines. Please maintain small, limited gatherings and avoid unnecessary travel. If you are traveling, please inform the school nurse so a quarantine period can be discussed and enforced. Further, if your child is ill or showing symptoms of COVID-19 do not send him/her to school.

As a school community, we have shown our resilience during these unfortunate challenges. Let's continue to work together to ensure the health and well-being of our staff, students and families.

Sincerely,

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