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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, our school district has implemented new protocols. Specifically, when our region turned to the color orange on the activity report we began contact tracing COVID-19 compatible symptoms, which we regard as presumptive positive cases. We have excluded those who displayed symptoms and those who came in close contact with the symptomatic individual. We continue to use this protocol as our region maintains the orange level as of the latest activity report. To view the report, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>

If you are notified that your child may have been a close contact of a presumptive positive case, please cooperate with our staff and follow instructions to have your child remain at home. We wish to keep students in school for in-person learning, and this will only be feasible if we have the cooperation of our school community.

The district is also prepared for the activity report to change from orange to red. A designation of red indicates a very high level of COVID-19 activity. While we are not sure if or when this change will occur, we feel it necessary to inform our school community that the Department of Health recommends implementation of fully virtual instruction during the time our region is designated as red. Please review your emergency plans with your family in the event a future activity report indicates such.

I must emphasize the importance of filling out the COVID-19 Assurance Form accurately and notifying the main office or nurse of any symptoms your child may be experiencing. All families are reminded to keep ill children at home.

I want to thank you for your continued assistance and understanding during these difficult times. Your adherence to disease prevention has provided a safe environment for teaching and learning. Let's continue to work together to provide for the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hart".

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