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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you today to provide you with information regarding three topics: an update on this week's activity report, details about snow days, and an opportunity for feedback via a survey. First, this week's activity report indicates that our region maintains its designation at the orange activity level. This means we must maintain our protocols with regard to contact tracing presumptive positive cases. If you receive a call from the school, please follow the instructions from school administration or the school nurse. To view the report, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>

Second, at this past week's Board of Education meeting I reported that we have developed a protocol for snow days. The New Jersey Department of Education is allowing districts to use virtual learning days to count toward the 180-day requirement. This provides a level of flexibility for our district. **We have made the decision to allow the first in-person snow day of the season to count as a true snow day. Planned virtual learning days will remain virtual learning days.** We did this so our students could experience the joy of playing in the snow and being children. I am hopeful that our first snow day will allow our students this opportunity. The remaining inclement weather days will be virtual learning days. Please ensure you have discussed your emergency plans with your family and have developed a virtual learning routine at home.

Finally, our district is committed to receiving feedback. A survey was sent to all families in August and we are providing another survey to make plans for after the new year. Due to the specific needs of various grade bands, the survey has been divided by grade levels. Please select the appropriate grade of your child(ren) and only fill out one survey for any child in a grade band. For example, if you have 2 children in grades K-3, please fill out one K-3 survey.

[Grade K-3 Survey](#)

[Grade 4-5 Survey](#)

[Grade 6-8 Survey](#)

I want to thank you for your continued assistance and understanding during these difficult times. I realize how challenging it is to adhere to these protocols during the celebratory holiday season. Your vigilance to safety measures is noted and appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hart", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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