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March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At this time, we would like to offer you additional information as it relates to our District's monitoring and planning of the emergent Coronavirus and possible school closure.

Communication from Hunterdon County Department of Health

As of March 13, 2020, there are no cases of the Coronavirus in Hunterdon County. Procedures are in place, and all school districts will be notified when/if there is a member of our educational community that has tested positive for the Coronavirus. Collaborative decision-making with the school district, the Department of Education, and the Hunterdon County Department of Health will determine the closing or dismissal of our district.

Field Trips and After School Activities

As of now, we are not cancelling any of our scheduled school field trips. However, we are closely monitoring the situation, and if any decision is made, you will immediately be informed. Our earliest trip is not planned until April 17, 2020. We will reassess at that time and make a decision.

All school events that include individuals outside of the school, including fundraisers, PTO, Student Council, Peer2Peer, etc., are cancelled. All calendars will consistently be updated. **However, until further notice, all after school clubs containing students only and no outside members will be maintained.**

Closing of School Due to an Emergent Situation

Our teachers have been planning for the potential closure of our school. We are ready. Please review information from the NJDOE:

NJDOH guidance identifies school closure as a potential strategy to limit transmission within a community. In the event a

board of education is provided a written directive by either the NJDOH or the health officer of the jurisdiction to institute a public health-related closure, the board of education may utilize home instruction to provide instructional services to enrolled students. The provision of home instruction services should be guided by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1 and may include direct services, online instruction, services provided through contract with another district board of education, or any other means developed by the district to meet the needs of its students. Any day in which students impacted by a public health-related closure have access to home instruction services provided consistent with the guidance in this memo will count as a day in which the board of education has provided public school facilities toward its compliance with the 180-day requirement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 – March 19 Broadcast.*

Virtual Learning Plan and Materials Arriving Home Today, Friday, March 13, 2020

The District has taken action to ensure our students have 100% connectivity, and teachers are prepared for virtual learning. All teachers have confirmed email addresses for the parents and guardians of their students. Teachers have created Google Classrooms and will be inviting parents/guardians to have access. In the event of school closure, teachers will deliver instruction virtually using Google Classroom. Teachers will post daily activities and assignments with due dates to site. Students are responsible for checking, completing, and submitting their required work to Google Classroom on a daily basis.

All usernames and passwords will be sent home today, Friday, March 13. All teachers also have copies of usernames and passwords. Should your child have any difficulty logging onto textbook websites or Google Classroom, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or Mrs. Karen Bolmarcich immediately via email.

In support of a temporary closing of our school, some materials will be available via the Internet and some may be available in the form of hard copies. The hard copied material will be sent home on Friday, March 13. These materials are **NOT** to be utilized by the students **unless** a closure has been officially announced. All unused materials will be collected by the teacher upon returning to school. **PLEASE HONOR THIS REQUEST.**

To assist in the consistency with learning and to ease students into this new virtual learning, students/parents will also have the opportunity to connect daily via email or Zoom video chat with their teachers at a scheduled time to discuss assignments, provide support and/or help. As we unveil our virtual plan to parents, a teacher schedule will also be provided (See attached schedule). This meeting time is not mandatory but simply a means to assist you should you need/request it. Directions for Zoom video conferencing will be uploaded to every single student Google Classroom account.

Counseling and School Nurse:

If the District is required to take action and close, our school social worker, Mrs. Angela Matus, will be available for any student/parent in the district to email or Zoom video conference daily

from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Our school nurse, Mrs. Katie Scuderi, will be available for any student/parent in the district to email or Zoom video conference daily from 8:45 to 9:45am. Simply email them first to schedule your time during their 1 hour daily block.

Technology Support

If the District is required to take action and close, Mrs. Karen Bolmarcich, our technology specialist teacher, will be available daily from 8:45 to 9:45am to assist any student/parent with their virtual learning issues or difficulties. Simply email her for support or request a Zoom video conference.

Virtual Learning Attendance

If the District has implemented a Virtual Learning Platform due to a pandemic response and your child develops any illness that prevents them from working and/or completing assignments on a week day, please notify the school nurse, Mrs. Katie Scuderi, and the school secretary, Mrs. Linda Eich, and your child will be marked absent and excused from that day's assignment.

Continued Communication

Guidance from the Department of Education and the Department of Health is changing minute by minute. The District is doing its best to keep you informed. At this very minute, we are not scheduled to close, but we felt it was extremely necessary to provide you with our plan should we be asked to do so. If such a closure is needed, you will be notified through Blackboard Connect, and it will be posted on the school Facebook page.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or to me.

Please take care of yourself and your family. Remember, we are a SMALL SCHOOL BUT ONE BIG FAMILY!

Sincerely,
Dr. Jenniffer Marycz,
Chief School Administrator

Teacher Availability Schedule

Monday	
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8:45 - 9:15 AM	Mrs. D. Pulcini & Ms. Duerring
9:15 - 9:45 AM	Mrs. S. Pulcini & Ms. Chang
9:45 - 10:15 AM	Mrs. MacLennan & Ms. Linthwaite
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Ms. Donaruma
10:45 - 11:15 AM	Mrs. Lemasters (Mrs. Vasko will also be available from 10:45 - 11:00 AM.)
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Ms. Scharer (Mrs. Vasko will also be available from 11:00 - 11:15 AM.)
11:45 - 12:15 PM	Ms. Bertholf
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Ms. Rohrer (MS Math & Science) (Ms. Nietzsche will also be available from 1:15-1:30 PM.)
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Mr. Woodruff (MS ELA & SS) & Ms. Vitale (Ms. Nietzsche will also be available from 1:30-1:45 PM.)
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Ms. Nemeth
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Ms. Hill-Whipple
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