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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the first week of home instruction draws to a close, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Early reports on the launch of home instruction services are positive. Overall, there has been a high level of teacher activity and student activity across the district. We are still in the process of connecting with students who have not had a regular presence online. We ask our parents to please check and ensure your child is regularly logging into all of his/her class(es) (Health and Physical Education included). This is especially important at our middle and high school level. We plan to begin proactively contacting parents of those students who may not be participating or submitting work by the published due dates.

If you need further assistance or additional information regarding our home instruction plan, please refer to [Summary for Parents Regarding Public Health School Closure](#). The document includes key contact information.

As you may be aware, New Jersey Governor, Phil Murphy, ordered the closing of all New Jersey schools this week, “until further notice.” Therefore, we will not be reopening our schools until the governor allows us to do so. While an end date is unknown at this time, we are planning for the reality that we will be on home instruction for an extended period of time.

In addition to supporting your child’s learning and ensuring regular attendance online, we ask that you do everything you can as a family to stay safe and practice social distancing. This is especially important to emphasize with older children who may want to still congregate in large groups. It is essential that we work together to minimize this practice as health experts have identified a reduction in this type of behavior as effective in slowing or halting the spread of disease.

I wish you a safe and healthy weekend and look forward to the day we can welcome our students back to school. In the meanwhile, please know we are working continuously to make the best of our current circumstances and are available to respond to any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Amoroso
Superintendent of Schools

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