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Dr. Frank Ranelli Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Piscataway Families:

As a way of keeping you up to date, this letter is to inform you that a member of our transportation department has tested positive for COVID-19. Anyone identified as a close contact to the infected individual (spending fifteen cumulative minutes or more within 6-feet of an infected person within a 24-hour period), has been notified and given necessary direction.

The District is following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community.

There will be no change to the District's schedule or plans. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed and we are taking additional precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs by cleaning frequently touched surfaces throughout the school day.

We are monitoring the status of the situation closely. We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19 and encourage families and staff to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation. Should you have any questions about how we have prepared for situations such as this, please feel free to contact your building principal. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

RESOURCES

NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public: <u>https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml</u>

- a. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>
- b. Symptoms of COVID-19: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</u>
- c. Testing: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-</u> ncov/testing/index.html; https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing
- d. How to Protect Yourself: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-</u> <u>ncov/prevent-getting- sick/prevention.html</u>
- e. What to Do if You Are Sick: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html</u>

Sincerely,

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