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Dear River Dell Community Members:

This is an update regarding River Dell's response to the rapidly evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Please note that the following protocols are in place:

- Practicing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of physical surfaces, including handrails, door knobs/handles and countertops, at all locations;
- Promoting everyday measures to maintain good health and hygiene;
- Frequently refilling soap, hand sanitizer and toiletries at all locations;
- Maintaining an open dialogue with our families to determine any enhanced risks of exposure;
- Establishing a temporary ban on all travel outside New Jersey including international destinations;
- Reviewing all approved field trips through the lens of student safety;
- Monitoring the latest guidance from the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, New Jersey Department of Health and Bergen County Department of Health Services and the NJ Department of Education; and
- Actively participating in the taskforces established in Oradell and River Edge.

Even with these precautions in place, there is the possibility that schools may be closed by order of the NJ Department of Health or local health officials. Our plan for virtual learning includes use of our district issued laptops, our robust suite of software, and other online tools our students and teachers are already using in daily instruction. Over the next few days, you may hear of other districts scheduling closures to test their virtual learning plans. As a district, we are not planning a scheduled closure as we have a long history of technology being woven into the fabric of our instruction and are prepared for virtual learning if it becomes a requirement. Should a closure be ordered, we will provide specific instructions through another communication.

Sincerely,

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Patrick J. Fletcher
Superintendent of Schools

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