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Dear River Dell Community Members:

This is a difficult letter to write because it means that efforts to control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) have thus far not proven successful. By order of the Bergen County Health Department, the River Dell Regional School District will be transitioning to virtual instruction effective Monday, March 16, 2020.

Both buildings are closed to the public, which includes students and their families, effective 3:00pm on March 13, 2020. We anticipate reopening Monday, March 30, 2020 but will need to evaluate that possibility as the date draws near. Please note that all co-curricular and athletic activities are cancelled during that time. Any non-school sponsored events such as town recreation programs are also cancelled. Some events may be rescheduled and will be announced on the district's website. Please check for updates frequently.

Virtual Instruction will utilize the delayed opening schedule as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL

9:50 – 10:40	Class
10:42 – 11:22	Class
11:24 – 12:04	Class
12:06 – 12:36	LUNCH
12:38 – 1:13	Class
1:15 – 1:55	Class
1:57 – 2:37	Class

Letter Days: March 16 (A), March 17 (B), March 18 (C), March 19 (D), March 20 (A)
March 23 (B), March 24 (C), March 25 (D), March 26 (A), March 27 (B)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grade 7)

Homeroom	9:45 – 9:50
Period 1	9:50 – 10:20
Period 2	10:23 – 10:53
Period 3	10:56 – 11:26
Period 4	11:29 – 11:59
LUNCH 5	12:02 – 12:28
Period 6/7	12:31 – 1:01
Period 8	1:04 – 1:34
Period 9	1:37 – 2:07
Period 10	2:10 – 2:40

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grade 8)

Homeroom	9:45 – 9:50
Period 1	9:50 – 10:20
Period 2	10:23 – 10:53
Period 3	10:56 – 11:26
Period 4	11:29 – 11:59
Period 5/6	12:02 – 12:32
LUNCH 7	12:35 – 1:01
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Keep in Mind:

1. Teachers will be taking attendance.
2. Students will not be permitted in the building.
3. If students need tech assistance, please email the tech department.

River Dell has been preparing for this possibility and I am confident that our long history of weaving technology into the fabric of the instructional program forms a solid foundation for success. Our staff reviewed expectations with students this week to help with this transition. Tutorials for accessing the network and securing help with technical issues are posted to our district home page. Students know how to access our material and connect with their teachers during virtual class and should use their district-issued laptop to access our network according to their class schedule as attendance will be taken. They are expected to participate in class as if they were in the building. Parents should continue to report absences according to pre-established procedures.

Please be aware that there will be an administrative presence in the buildings during this time. Guidance counselors and child study team members will be available by telephone to help with any issues that arise. River Dell's goal is to maintain as "normal" a schedule as possible during this extraordinary period. We know that this will be a difficult time for all of us, but please know that the answer to any question or concern is only an email away.

Please direct specific instructional questions directly to the teacher of record. Operational questions can be directed to building principals and other appropriate staff.

Together, we will persevere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJF', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Patrick J. Fletcher
Superintendent of Schools

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