AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

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Dear Amity Community:

The Amity Regional School District wants to reach out and address recent concerns pertaining to Zoom meetings and security. There have been a few stories emerging from major news outlets about "Zoom-bombers" or unauthorized Zoom users "breaking into" unsecure Zoom meetings and causing a serious disruption. While we have not had any reported incidents like this in the Amity District, we have taken steps to mitigate the security risk associated with Zoom meetings. To that end, all Zoom meetings will now have passwords and a waiting room enabled by default. This gives teachers much more control over attendees. In addition, our staff has been made aware of the security concerns and remain committed to closely monitoring and managing all instances of Zoom meetings using built in meeting administrative tools.

Sincerely,

Jennifer P. Byars, Ed.D.