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Dear ARSD Families,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and that our students are excited about a brand new school year. The ARSD staff is excited to have our students back full time starting this September. Although there are still some uncertainties to address this school year, our team is committed to providing our students the very best despite any obstacle. As recent developments have come about concerning our September opening, I would like to update you on a few important items as we continue to update our return plans for a safe and successful school year. As per Gov. Murphy's Executive Order 251, masks will be required inside all ARSD schools and offices to start our school year. Exceptions include eating snacks and lunch and necessary medical allowances. We will do all we can to ensure student and staff comfort and safety while following this executive order. In the event one of our students is required to quarantine due to Covid-19, we will make efforts to have that student connected to their classroom via Google Meet throughout the duration of the quarantine. This will not apply to scenarios of routine sickness that last only a day or two or other arrangements when a student chooses not to attend school. As a reminder, there is no permanent virtual option offered to students this school year. Please know that our Board of Education will be approving a more expansive Plan for Safe Return at this month's meeting. This plan will be shared with our community and updated when necessary. Thank you for your ongoing support for our difference-making schools.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cliff Burns".

Dr. Clifford Burns
Superintendent of Schools