Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends -

Thank you to everyone for your continued sense of understanding, flexibility, and calmness. As Moonachie always does, we will come together and keep moving forward.

I am pleased to inform you that the individual who tested Positive for COVID-19 reports that he/she is doing well and feeling good.

Please review this notification for important updates, in regards to the Positive COVID-19 case reported last week and our steps towards reopening.

In Regards to Contact Tracing, Contraction, and Transmission Of the COVID-19 Case Reported on Wednesday September 30, 2020

Contact Tracing has concluded. Nurse Gallo and I are very pleased to report that, based on the contact tracing and data received thus far, that there is extreme minimal risk to our building. There is zero evidence to support that the COVID-19 Positive Case was contracted (started in the building) or transmitted (exchanged between different individuals) within our building. We have received no reports of students or staff experiencing symptoms or testing positive. Additionally, Contact Tracing did not return risk to any students.

Through contact tracing, we believe the Positive COVID-19 case was contracted via personal off-site activities, stemming from the prior weekend.

In Regards to Monitoring Your Student

Contact tracing is not exact; therefore, the Department of Health asks that you continue to self-monitor your student for symptoms throughout this 14-day closure. Maintain good hygiene, and wear your masks with social distancing when in public spaces. Please inform Nurse Gallo of any symptoms you may observe.

In Regards to Sanitation

Out of an abundance of caution, sanitation of the entire building, including every classroom and common area, is completed. Daily sanitation procedures and routines, as identified in our Restart Plan, remain unchanged.

In Regards to What Went Well

Nurse Gallo, the Health Department, and I are confident in our early identification and exclusion processes. Thanks to MyMedBot and our entrance procedures, we were able to respond quickly and confidently. Working together, we were able to secure our location and prevent any spread from occurring within our building.

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In Regards to Getting Better

The Robert L. Craig School Pandemic Response Team is meeting to analyze our identification process, response, and additional preventative measures that can be taken to help keep everyone safe and healthy, at all times.

In Regards to Prevention

We will continue our procedures, which afforded us success during September. As we begin to see Positive Cases of COVID-19 start to increase across New Jersey, we urge all RLC community members to remain vigilant. Continue to limit exposure to public spaces. Continue to follow Executive Orders in mask wearing and maintaining social distancing.

In Regards to Remote Learning This Week

Your student should maintain their normal school schedule this week via Google Classroom & Google Meet.

In Regards to a Return to Full Day Programming

As a result of the Positive Case reported on September 30th, we will pause in our current phase of onesession days. I will communicate with families after our reopen the timeline for Phase 1 (Grades PK-2) and Phase 2 (Grades 3-8) of transitioning to Full Day Programming.

In Regards to Switching From Live to Remote

If you wish to switch your student(s), from Live Instruction to Full Remote Instruction, as a result of this Positive COVID-19 case, please contact Mrs. Genatt or I by Tuesday October 13th.

In Regards to Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be mailed home for every student on Friday.

We thank you for your flexibility and understanding. If there is any changes to the items listed above, we will communicate them as quickly as possible.

Superintendent/Principal

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