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Good evening, I hope all is well. I simply wanted to touch base with a few reminders centering on the COVID protocols the District has in place. As noted throughout the summer, the question was not if, but when, the District would have to respond accordingly to positive COVID cases. We are fortunate that we have had minimal disruptions relatively speaking compared to other districts in Bergen County, but even minimal disruptions are very frustrating. Kids need to be in school and we need to move to Phase 3 as soon as feasible and allow those who want to send their kids to school every day, to have a chance to do so. It is therefore so very important to keep in mind that the protocols that we are abiding by are county, state and national protocols that are health related and extremely important to follow, if we are to have any chance of maintaining in-person schooling. Therefore, although we have shared the extensive protocols and regulations via email and stored them on our website, I simply wanted to remind everyone of the most important and the most urgent items to follow from all of the information that has been provided to you.

If you have your child tested for COVID-19, whether the child is tested because he/she presents with symptoms, or if the child is asymptomatic and you just want him/her tested, that child must stay home until the PCR test result is confirmed as a negative. Please do not send your child to school without the result being confirmed negative.

If your child has any of the symptoms of the flu, COVID-19 or otherwise, they must be kept home and the school needs to be notified so as to map out the action plan regarding his/her return.

If anyone in your residence has either tested positive, has gone for a test and is awaiting the results, or has any symptoms, the child must remain home and the school contacted so as to map out the action plan regarding his/her return.

Lastly, if your child has traveled out of the state, the school must be notified and the child needs to remain at home for ten days if you choose not to test him/her or 7 days if you test him/her and the result is negative.

We ask for 100% cooperation fully knowing that we have no way of truly 100% enforcing or validating compliance of the aforementioned protocols. We have to trust our families and we do. We just ask that you continuously remind yourself of at least the four items listed above on a consistent basis. We all have busy lives and therefore we miss things with no malicious intent. However, adherence to these protocols impacts many others and therefore we plead with all families to strictly abide by them.

As always,we thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Michael Jordan