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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In my initial message to the community on the current COV-19 health crisis I indicated that after consultation with the Manalapan Health Department I initiated a health related closure from Monday March 16 through March 27, 2020. As you are aware, Governor Murphy closed all schools on March 18th for an undetermined period. At this time, I will extend the current virtual/distance learning instruction through Wednesday April 8th. Spring break will begin on Thursday April 9th. At this time, it is our hope to return to regular instruction on Monday April 20th. Of course I will be monitoring the situation and virtual/distance learning could be extended. Also, unless the Governor changes his current Executive Order No. 104 schools will remain closed since that order supersedes any local decision.

I had a google meeting with district administration yesterday to review the current status of virtual/distance learning in the district. While I believe we are successfully implementing an instructional environment for your children, we will continue to assess its effectiveness and suggest improvements. The first significant improvement is changing the window the teachers will be available for instruction. Going forward, that window for the vast majority of students will be 9 AM to 1 PM.

There have been various reports in the news media and social media regarding the health of specific individuals in the community. These are tragic and my prayers go to the families involved but unfortunately there have also been rumors based on false information. I will not be releasing any information regarding the health of any individuals in the community. I am deferring to the Manalapan Health Department at this time for any announcements regarding COVID-19 cases in the community.

I have complete faith that we will get through this crisis. Stay healthy.

Sincerely,

John J. Marciante, Jr., Ph.D.
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