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Dear Families,

First, we want to assure everyone that keeping our school commUNITY safe is our top priority. Providing our staff and students a normal learning environment is our goal each day, even as we continue to operate with ever changing information surrounding COVID-19. We want to share a couple of proactive practices we are implementing.

- 1- We are limiting the entrance of non-essential personnel to our school and facilities. This means everyone who comes to Unity will be kept in the holding vestibule at the front door.
- 2- We are assessing all field trips on a case by case basis. We will communicate any cancellations or postponements as soon as we have all the details available.
- 3- We are asking that if you are planning to travel abroad please let us know so we can coordinate any precautions necessary that ensure the safety of our students and team members.
- 4- If you happen to come in contact with someone who may be infected with COVID-19 virus, let us know so we can coordinate any precautions necessary that ensure the safety of our students and team members.
- 5- Conferences, in person next week, will be changed to phone conferences. The schedule will remain a half day schedule. Teachers will reach out to you during your scheduled conference times. In order to prioritize our teachers' time, if you do not feel you need a student conference at this time, reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher and let them know.
- 6- Our school play *Into the Woods* is being postponed until a later date. We would like to assess what happens over the next few weeks before committing to a new date.
- 7- Our National Junior Honor Society and National Junior Art Honor Society induction ceremony with parents is being postponed. We will have a ceremony in school with our middle school students.

Preparedness for Extended School Closure

As this week progresses, please be aware that a complete school closure may also be imminent.

As an additional cautionary measure, students should expect to bring home all of their instructional materials, devices and chargers after school tomorrow, Friday, March 13. It is also prudent at this time for all families to develop child-care plans as necessary in the event of extended school closure. We will maintain thorough communication with families throughout this period.

While we understand that our current situation is uncertain and evolving, we want to let you know that we are in regular communication with the NJ Department of Health and the NJ Department of Education. In addition, as members of the Morris County Association of School Administrators, we have all been sharing best practices. We ask everyone to show

sensitivity to each other. We are an inclusive caring community who will continue to support everyone.

If you believe your child has had exposure to COVID-19, do not send your child(ren) to school. Please have them seen by their physician and contact the school nurse at 973-292-1808 X14.

Sincerely,

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