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Good Evening,

The State of New Jersey has released a <u>formal memo</u>, regarding the Coronavirus. This correspondence discusses placing a critical restriction on the 180-day instructional calendar in response to potential Health-Related School Closures. This action is causing all districts to urgently prepare for Emergency Home-Bound Lessons to supplement for lost in-school instructional days.

Please continue to remind your family members of the following recommendations:

- 1. If a child is sick, they should stay home from school.
- 2. A child who has a fever of 100.0 or higher should remain home from school until they are fever free, without the use of fever reducing medication, for a period of at least 24 hours.
- 3. Reinforce with your family members the importance of frequent hand washing, especially after blowing his/her nose or coughing.
- 4. Remind your children to avoid touching his/her eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

In the instance that our district will need to close, our district will ensure that all of our students will continue their learning development in the event that schools are closed. We are kindly requesting that all parents/guardians **complete the following survey** so the district can ensure that it can fulfill the long-term long-distance education of your children.

Also, please be advised that the administration will need to provide time to our staff to prepare online lessons in the event of a quarantine. This may include an early dismissal and/or school closing in the near future. You will receive correspondence as soon as this date is scheduled.

Please know that the district has implemented specific procedures to help reduce the spread of communicable illness. The custodial department has increased cleaning techniques in order to maximize the reduction of germ exposure. This includes the utilization of our disinfecting equipment every morning and evening as well as carefully wiping down all surfaces, doorknobs, etc.

The administration will continue to keep you informed of new information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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