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Dear Stillwater Families,

I hope this letter finds everyone well. I would like to provide an update regarding the Coronavirus (COVID19) and assure that we are taking the necessary steps to stay proactive. We have been, and will continue to, monitor alerts and information from the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Our current guidance from these departments is to **prepare and not panic**.

In addition to our ongoing daily cleaning, our district will also be preparing for potential remote educational services if we are directed to close by the NJDOH. In the past, the NJDOE has not allowed for remote learning to count towards our mandated 180 days of school. However, the NJDOE will now allow for this in the event we need to close due to the Coronavirus (COVID19). Please note that the district must be directed to close by the NJDOH in order for the remote educational days to count towards our 180 days. If we are directed to close, you will be notified through our alert system.

On Monday, March 9th, I will be meeting with the superintendents from Hampton/KRHS, Fredon, and Sandyston-Walpack to collaboratively create a preparedness plan to meet the requirements from the NJDOE. Our goal is to remain proactive in our efforts to educate our students whether in our school building or remotely. Please know that our district will continue our regimen of cleaning and disinfecting daily.

Education continues to be the best means for prevention. With that stated, please take the time to review the documents listed below.

- [Fact Sheet for 2019 Coronavirus Disease \(What you need to know about COVID 19\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet for 2019 Coronavirus Disease \(What to do if you are sick\)](#)
- [Stopping the Spread of Germs](#)

For more information please visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.CDC.gov.

At Stillwater Township School, we educate our students to practice good hygiene, and we thank you for reinforcing these practices at home as well. As information becomes available, we will continue to communicate with you. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you again for your support and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

William Kochis
Superintendent