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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this email finds you well as you prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. I would like to provide you with an update on the status of our school as we navigate the continued challenges of the global pandemic.

Unfortunately, the number of positive cases have increased significantly throughout the state and Monmouth County. For that reason, it is imperative that we continue to be vigilant and practice the health and safety protocols as directed by the Department of Health to ensure that our students and staff are not negatively impacted. **Therefore, at this time we will remain in Phase II and postpone the K-2 transition to full time (Phase III).**

Due to the number of quarantined school community members, staffing challenges, increases in positive cases throughout our county and the upcoming school breaks, it is not the safest or optimal time to increase the number of in-person hours for our students. Please know this still remains a goal of our Reopening Committee and we will reconvene in January to revisit moving to Phase III. Until then, we will continue to navigate our current situation and meet our immediate goal to remain open 5 days a week with our current in-person schedule. Each day brings new challenges, but keeping our current schedule gives us the best opportunity to mitigate staff shortages and address obstacles that come our way.

We will continue to monitor our current safety precautions and any updates from the Governor's office along with the guidance of the Monmouth County Health Department.

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued partnership to keep our school community safe and healthy. I recognize these are challenging times for families and appreciate your continued support. Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and restful Thanksgiving.

In education,

Edith Conroy  
Superintendent