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Dear Morris Hills Regional District Community,

Happy New Year! We hope this correspondence finds you and your family healthy and safe. The purpose of this letter is to update our school community and announce an additional extension of Phase 1 of our Restart and Recovery Plan.

The additional extension of Phase 1 will begin on Monday, February 1, 2021, the beginning of the third marking period in the Morris Hills Regional District. During this time period, both Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School will continue to run its hybrid model of instruction with cohort # 1 attending in-person on Tuesday and Wednesday and cohort # 2 attending in-person on Thursday and Friday. Monday will continue to be all virtual for all students, regardless of cohort number. The Hybrid Bell Schedule will be used Monday through Friday. Both high schools will continue to follow its usual A/B Day rotation for each week. This extension of Phase 1 will continue to the end of the third marking period which is Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

[Hybrid Bell Schedule](#)

Furthermore, any current full virtual student who wishes to return to the hybrid learning model must inform the School Counseling Department by Friday, January 22, 2021. After this date, no requests to return to the hybrid learning model will be accepted during the third marking period. Requests to return to the hybrid model will be granted once again at the beginning of the fourth marking period. All parents and guardians of current full virtual students will be receiving shortly a correspondence from Mrs. Yesenia Rivera-Carney and Mr. Stan Abromavage, Supervisors of School Counseling, with regard to the required steps that need to be taken to return to the hybrid learning model. A form will accompany the correspondence that must be completed by the parent or guardian.

Please be advised that if a student elects to formally change from the hybrid model to the full time remote model, he or she will be required to remain on the full time remote option for the entire third marking period. This does not include situations where a hybrid student is required to quarantine but intends to return to school once the quarantine period is complete.

We remain committed to ensuring the safety of our students and staff, while providing the best education possible. Toward that end, the Morris Hills Regional District will continue to reassess its Restart and Recovery Plan over the coming months to further increase instructional time for our students during the fourth marking period. At this time, several factors, including social distancing guidelines and specifics outlined in many of Governor Murphy's Executive Orders, do not allow the Morris Hills Regional District to bring all students back to our school buildings.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. As we continue to navigate the changing conditions of this pandemic, let's continue to work together as partners to this public health crisis. Thank you again for your understanding and please remain safe.

Sincerely,

The Morris Hills Regional District Administrative Team