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Dear Morris Hills Regional District Community,

We hope this correspondence finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. The purpose of this letter is to update our school community about the results of our Phase II Restart and Recovery Survey that was sent out earlier this month. As you know, we presented all stakeholders within the district [two options](#) to increase instructional time and/or in-person instruction. The results of the survey were as follows:

Student and Family Preferences:	16% Option A	84% Option B
Staff Preferences:	14% Option A	86% Option B

Upon analyzing the data, district administrators began exploring how best to implement Option B while ensuring the safety of our students and staff. After careful analysis of the number of students electing in-person learning, coupled with social distancing guidelines as per the Center for Disease Control, the Morris Hills Regional District is happy to announce that it will move to Phase II of its Restart and Recovery Plan on **Monday, April 12, 2021**, upon our return from Spring Break.

Toward that end, Phase II of our Restart and Recovery Plan will be as follows:

- Virtual Mondays will be eliminated
- Students who have elected to attend school in-person will attend 5 days a week
- The cohorts will be eliminated
- Students either attend school in person 5 days a week or virtually 5 days a week
- In specific classrooms where social distancing cannot be maintained, students may participate in class from a secondary, supervised location in the building
- All students will follow our current [bell schedule](#)
- No lunch will be served
- Office hours in the afternoon will continue
- Dismissal Time: 12:10PM @ MK and 12:40PM @ MH
- This schedule will remain in place for the remainder of the 2020 - 2021 school year

As was indicated in our March 1, 2021 survey letter, no requests to return to in-person learning will be accepted for the remainder of the 2020 - 2021 school year. We understand that the CDC has updated its social distancing guidelines as of today. When we receive the accompanying guidance for schools, we will update the school community accordingly.

As we move to Phase II, we remind all students and parents/guardians to please complete the [Daily Health Screener](#) which can be found on the Morris Knolls High School website and the Morris Hills High School website. Additionally, any in-person student who is not feeling well prior to the start of the school day should remain home and participate in school virtually for the day. We ask that you please contact the Attendance Office with that information.

Prior to April 12, 2021, we encourage those students who have been all virtual and are now returning to in-person learning to revisit our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) Document](#) and our [informational videos](#). All this information was shared with you in August. In the coming months and this summer, we will continue to examine our Restart and Recovery Plan with the goal of returning to a normal school day in the Morris Hills Regional School District for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and support this academic year. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have regarding our Phase II Restart and Recovery Plan.

Sincerely,

The Morris Hills Regional District Administrative Team