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Dear Morris Hills Regional District Community,

Happy New Year! We hope this correspondence finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. The purpose of this letter is to update our school community with regard to spectator attendance during the upcoming winter athletic season.

On November 16, 2020, Governor Murphy issued [Executive Order 196](#) which further restricted the number of individuals permitted at both outdoor and indoor sporting events. Under the Executive Order, indoor practices and competitions are limited to 10 persons. If the number of individuals who are necessary for the practice or competition, such as players, coaches, and referees, is greater than 10 persons, the practice or competition may proceed. If the above exception applies, the number of individuals still may not exceed 25 percent of the capacity of the room in which it takes place, or 150 persons, whichever is less.

Toward that end, we regret to inform you that spectators will be prohibited from attending any athletic competitions during the winter season at both Morris Knolls High School and Morris Hills High School and at any off-site venue. We certainly understand the disappointment and sadness of our student-athletes and their loved ones with these guidelines outlined by the Governor's Office. We share those same feelings with you. If for any reason Governor Murphy modifies any portion of Executive Order 196, the Morris Hills Regional District will certainly disseminate those changes to our school community and implement the changes accordingly.

While watching our student-athletes participate in-person in the sports they love can never be replicated, the Morris Hills Regional District will attempt to live-stream sporting events where facility and technology capabilities permit. Away contests may be livestreamed if the hosting school has the capability to stream the competitions. Fees may apply for some away game broadcasts.

Furthermore, the Morris Hills Regional District is proud to announce our continued partnership with the NFHS Network to broadcast our Golden Eagles and Scarlet Knights athletic contests live. We have invested in technology that will bring you every game in our main gymnasiums live online. The Morris Hills Regional School district has paid for memberships for all of our families and joining the NFHS Network and subscribing for unlimited access is a simple process:

1. Go to [NFHSnetwork.com](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com)
2. Enter Morris Knolls or Morris Hills in the search box. This will bring you the free site for your Golden Eagles and Scarlet Knights broadcasts.
3. Click "Follow" so you can stay up to date on all upcoming Morris Knolls and Morris Hills broadcasted events.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. It is now, as it always has been, our goal to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff while adhering to all Executive Orders of Governor Murphy. 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,

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