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Dear Morris Hills Regional District Parents/Guardians and Students,

We sincerely hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe during this most difficult time. With a successful week of virtual home instruction behind us, we would like to thank our students, staff, and parents/guardians for their diligence, flexibility, and patience throughout this unprecedented crisis. The successful implementation of our virtual home instruction program is a testament to our exceptional school community.

As you are aware, on Monday, March 16, 2020, Governor Murphy issued an Executive Order closing all schools until further notice. As a result of this order, the Morris Hills Regional School District will remain closed until the order is lifted and we receive clearance from local and state agencies to return back to school. Toward that end, both Morris Knolls High School and Morris Hills High School will remain closed and will continue with virtual home instruction through Thursday, April 9, 2020. Please be advised that Spring Break will remain intact and will take place from Friday, April 10, 2020 to Friday, April 17, 2020. Virtual home instruction will not take place during Spring Break. All school activities and athletic practices and contests remain canceled until further notice. We will reassess the situation and provide a status update on April 17, 2020 to all members of the Morris Hills Regional District.

Please continue to visit our district website (www.mhrd.org) for resources and guidance related to COVID-19. We are aware of the stress and anxiety that is accompanying school closure, and we encourage our students and parents/guardians to reach out with any questions or concerns. We remain committed to supporting our students, parents, guardians, staff, and community members during these difficult times.

As Governor Murphy continues to state in all of his press conferences, "WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS." We echo his words. We will get through this together as the Morris Hills Regional District. Let's continue to be there for one another and remember, at the end of the day, **WE ARE MORRIS KNOLLS STRONG** AND **WE ARE MORRIS HILLS STRONG**. Please remain safe.

Sincerely,

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