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Dear Morris Hills High School Community,

We hope this correspondence finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, Morris Hills High School was informed by local health officials that members of the Morris Hills High School community have tested positive for COVID-19. The high school is coordinating closely with public health officials and following all CDC, state, and local Health Department guidance in order to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Our local health officials are working with school personnel to conduct all necessary contact tracing, which will continue throughout the coming days. A close contact is defined as someone who is within less than six feet of distance for more than 15 minutes cumulatively with a positive case over a twenty-four hour period.

To allow for necessary contact tracing to be completed, Morris Hills High School will be closed through Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Additionally, district administration has decided to extend the closure to include Wednesday, November 4, 2020, rather than bring students in for one day. Morris Hills High School is already closed for Teachers Convention, Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 6th. Toward that end, Morris Hills High School will move to an all virtual learning model from Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Students who usually attend shared time programs in-person through Morris County Vocational Technical Schools will also move to an all-virtual schedule for their shared time programming during the same time period.

Morris Hills High School will continue to follow the hybrid bell schedule rather than the all virtual schedule since our sister school, Morris Knolls High School, is not affected by this closure and both high schools share some teachers and some students. We will follow the hybrid bell schedule for the remainder of this week (see scheduled below). A follow up email will detail the schedule for the week of November 2, 2020 so everyone is clear. We will reassess on November 3rd and, in partnership with our local Health Departments, make a determination if we can resume our hybrid learning model on Monday, November 9, 2020.

Furthermore, all athletic practices and contests and all extracurricular activities have been paused through Tuesday, November 3, 2020. We will reassess the status of these activities mid-week of next week and disseminate updates to the Morris Hills High School community. It is now, as it always has been, our goal to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. As we continue to navigate the changing conditions of this pandemic, let's continue to work together in being vigilant in our approaches to this public health crisis. Please continue to wear masks, regularly sanitize your hands, and practice good social distancing. As always, the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority in all we do. Thank you again for your understanding and your shared commitment to the education of our students.

Sincerely,
 James J. Jencarelli, Superintendent of Schools
 Todd M. Toriello, Ed.D, Principal of Morris Hills High School

**Bell Schedule for October 28-30
 (All students virtual)**

Block	Morris Hills Bell Schedule	Morris Knolls Bell Schedule
Z Block & Cleaning (42 min)	7:18 - 8 AM	N/A
1/5 Staggered Entry (10 min) Class (55 min) Cleaning (5 min)	8:05 - 8:15 AM 8:15 - 9:10 AM 9:10 - 9:15 AM	7:30- 7:40 AM 7:40- 8:35 AM 8:35 - 8:40 AM
2/6 Class (55 min) Cleaning (5 min)	9:20 - 10:15 AM 10:15 -10:20 AM	8:45 - 9:40 AM 9:40 - 9:45 AM
3/7 Class (55 min) Cleaning (5 min)	10:25 - 11:20 AM 11:20 - 11:25 AM	9:50 - 10:45 AM 10:45 - 10:50 AM
4/8 Class (55 min) Cleaning (5 min) Staggered Dismissal	11:30 AM - 12:25 PM 12:25 - 12:30 PM 12:30 - 12:40 PM	10:55 - 11:50 AM 11:50 - 11:55 AM 11:55 AM - 12:05 PM
Teacher Lunch	12:40 - 1:22 PM	12:05 - 12:47 PM
Teacher Planning/Professional Development/ Virtual Office Hour	1:22- 3:02 PM	12:47 - 2:27 PM
<i>*Z Block students will attend based on their Cohort assignment Students participating from home will utilize the same bell schedule</i>		