Dear Morris Hills Regional District Community,

We would like to thank our students and parents for providing valuable feedback in our recent survey. As a result of the feedback we received, we will be implementing some adjustments to our virtual learning program after Spring Break to better meet the needs of our students and staff members.

The common feedback we received from students focused on how much they miss interacting with their teachers and their classmates. We have also heard from staff members that they would like to check in more often with their classes in real time, but are finding it difficult to schedule a common time within our asynchronous schedule.

To help facilitate more options for live instruction, while still remaining flexible for students and staff, we are making the following adjustments to our current program after Spring Break:

1. All of our teachers will now be reaching out to their classes at least one day per week via, Google Hangout, Youtube, Screencastify, Flipgrid or other modes of live instruction. Many of our teachers are currently using these instructional tools, so most students should feel comfortable using these programs. Teachers will be reaching out to their classes with some kind of audio/video instruction to help them feel more connected in the upcoming weeks.

2. Our teachers will post meeting times in advance on Google Classroom and collaborate with each other to avoid scheduling conflicts for students.

We believe that these adjustments will help our students feel more connected to their teachers and classmates and improve the virtual learning process. During our school closure period, we will continue to evaluate and reassess our current program in order to meet the needs of our students. We are thankful for the feedback you have provided and we appreciate your continued support during these difficult times.

As a reminder, all make-up work from the virtual home instruction period, beginning March 16th, is due by April 20, 2020.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns you might have.

Sincerely,
Mr. James Jencarelli, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Ryan MacNaughton, Principal of Morris Knolls High School
Dr. Todd M. Toriello, Principal of Morris Hills High School