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Dear Morris Knolls High School Community,

We hope this correspondence finds you healthy and safe. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that today, Monday, November 16, 2020, Morris Knolls High School was informed by local health officials that during our current closure period, an additional eight members of the Morris Knolls High School community have tested positive for COVID-19. Currently, we have eleven active cases, and multiple other test results pending.

As a result, the Health Department has determined that Morris Knolls High School will be closed through Friday, November 27, 2020. The school will remain in an all virtual model through Thanksgiving Break. During this time, we will continue to follow the hybrid bell schedule. We will re-open school and return to our hybrid model of instruction on Monday, November 30, 2020. This decision, under the direction of the local health department, is the result of significant spread of COVID-19 within our local community and the need for action to slow it down.

Furthermore, all athletic practices and contests and all extracurricular activities have been paused during the closure period. Activities will resume, along with instruction, on Monday, November 30, 2020.

In addition, the Driver Education Examination has been postponed and students will be provided with a new testing date in the near future.

Our local health officials are working with school personnel to conduct all necessary contact tracing, which will continue throughout the coming days. All contacts will receive communication from our nursing staff. 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.

As we continue to navigate the changing conditions of this pandemic, let us continue to work together in being vigilant in our approach to this public health crisis. As always, the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Thank you again for your understanding and your shared commitment to the education of our students.

Sincerely,

James J. Jencarelli, Superintendent of Schools
Ryan MacNaughton, Principal