WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex Community,

Our school district will continue working to keep our buildings open for in-person instruction and operations while maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment. Providing our students with a structured and routine experience will certainly remain a top priority.

With that said, we will sustain ongoing communication with our local health officials and will continue to monitor public health data as COVID-19 cases are on the rise. Part of the review process includes examining the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Activity Level Report. This weekly report provides data on transmission by six regions and classifies the risk levels into four categories: Low Risk, Moderate Risk, High Risk, and Very High Risk (Essex County is part of the Northeast Region). As of the week ending November 7, our region is considered at Moderate Risk.

As I have emphasized in previous notifications, the upcoming weeks require safe and responsible behavior and strict adherence to the New Jersey Travel Advisory and the International Travel Recommendations. With the holiday season rapidly approaching, we are hopeful social gatherings and travel will have a minimal impact on our school district.

Moving forward, West Essex remains committed to keeping our schools open in the safest way possible. We will continue to work cooperatively with our local, county, and state health officials to keep track of public health data. In addition, our reopening task force committees will continue to monitor the rising COVID-19 cases and the potential impact on our school community. Should circumstances change for any reason, I will provide that information as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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