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Dear Readington School Community,

I write to you today after a successful first week of school! It was clear that our students and staff alike were very excited to be back in school for full-days. Students spent time outside during much of the beautiful weather this week, as well. This letter provides a few updates now that the school year has begun.

COVID Activity Report and State COVID Dashboard

Our school administration continues to monitor the COVID Activity Report and the New Jersey Department of Health COVID Dashboard. The <u>COVID Activity Report</u> shows that our region maintains the color yellow, which demonstrates moderate COVID transmission. The <u>COVID Dashboard</u> shows confirmed cases by county. The dashboard has been showing cases between 1,000-2,000 statewide cases daily.

Readington Dashboard

This year, rather than sending out a letter with each positive COVID case, our district has created a dashboard that is housed on our district website. The dashboard will be updated when positive cases impacting schools are identified. The dashboard is found under the Superintendent's Corner of the website and under the COVID 2021-2022 School Year sub tab. You can also access the dashboard by <u>clicking here</u>. As we wrote in our letters last year, if you are contacted by the school administration or the school nurse because your child is a close contact, please follow their instructions for quarantine. You may also be contacted by the local Hunterdon County Department of Health.

Quarantined Students

If your child is quarantined the school staff will work with families to set up virtual tutoring. The nature of tutoring will depend on your family's schedule and availability of staff. Please be patient as we have begun to streamline this tutoring program. Remember that close contacts of a positive case can take a COVID test between days 5-7. If the test is negative, students will be able to return to school on day 8. There are exceptions to this, which may include household contacts or if the close contact develops symptoms.

I'd like to wish everyone a positive, successful school year!

Very truly yours,

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