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Dear Parents.

The Department of Health held a meeting this afternoon with all of the superintendents in Camden County. The meeting focused on the fact that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Camden County are rising and Camden County will most likely be in the "Red/Very High Risk" (see page 3 of the COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix) status by the Thanksgiving Holiday. Once the county is in the "Red/Very High Risk" category, we will have no choice but to implement our fully remote instructional plan. Based on this factual information, the Cherry Hill School District will return to full remote instruction effective Monday, November 30, 2020.

We will remain on fully remote instruction through at least Friday, January 15, 2021. We will send weekly updates throughout the full remote instruction period. We will reassess and communicate to families on Monday, January 11, 2021 our plans and next steps.

Families with students currently attending school in the Hybrid Learning Model may switch to all remote for the week of November 23 if they so choose. Please contact your building principal if your child will be switching to remote November 23-25. Children must log on to be marked present.

Our ability to return students and staff to school together in person depends on everyone's commitment to taking all appropriate measures to minimize the spread of the virus as directed by the Camden County Department of Health, Gov. Phil Murphy, and the CDC. Parents, please continue to screen your children every day and please adhere to the recommended mitigation practices – wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and washing hands. Daily screening is critically important. Next week, do not send your child to school if your child's screening indicates staying home. Anyone who is being tested for COVID-19, students or staff, must stay home until they have received their results. Please share students' test results directly with the school nurse.

We are optimistic that a community wide effort to maintain everyone's health and safety will lead to a successful Hybrid Model re-launch in January. Thank you for your continued support of our students, teachers, support and administrative staff, and our community.

Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph N. Meloche

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