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Dear SWSD Families,

Over the past few weeks, SWSD has kept you up-to-date with the latest guidance by the New Jersey Department of Health. Please be aware that we are continuing to monitor the concerns surrounding COVID-19. As of today, there are no presumptive or known cases of COVID-19 in Gloucester County. Even still, it is very important to remind everyone of the preventative guidelines outlined by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#):

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

In the meantime, SWSD is developing a comprehensive plan for our students and staff in the event of a state-issued shutdown. Our plan will include educational components as well as strategies, such as social distancing, to mitigate the spread of illness.

At this time, our District continues to remain open unless directed otherwise by the New Jersey Department of Health. However, it is important to keep in mind that the District encourages our families to consider the following when attending school related functions and other large gathering events:

Do Not Attend Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events if/when:

- You are sick, which may include a fever, cough and shortness of breath.
- You have a serious chronic medical condition like heart disease, diabetes or lung disease.
- You are at-risk for a serious medical illness due to age or other long-term health problem
- You were in China or Italy in the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.

The District has posted a "[Health Update](#)" tab on our [main webpage](#). You can monitor any and all updates by visiting that tab. It is important that you continue to get your information about COVID-19 from reliable sources (i.e. [CDC website](#)). By visiting the [NJDOH website](#), you can also find accurate information specifically related to our state, too.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. You may also contact the NJDOH Hotline for any questions/concerns that you may have (1-800-222-1222). The agency is open 24/7 and is taking calls from the general public. The NJDOH can also accommodate callers in multiple languages.

SWSD will continue to maintain communication with our families during this time, but please be advised that the District may choose to cancel or postpone any and all events in our buildings if a health concern develops. In the event that the state issues a school closing order in our county, we will notify all of our families and share our detailed plan immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Kristin P. O'Neil". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Kristin P. O'Neil
Superintendent