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Dear Mount Laurel School Families,

I want to thank you for the wonderful cooperation we have received from you all over the last few days, especially your warm and friendly expressions of appreciation! Your kind words of support helps fuel our spirits and keep us emotionally bolstered in ways that make us only stronger in helping you to the best of our capabilities. You can't imagine what one "Thank you" does to boost your teachers' and school staff's morale during this time.

We have distributed all of our students' learning materials and technology at record speed so that your child's online learning could begin on time at home yesterday. Now all of our staff are hard at work supporting your child's learning. We will continue to communicate with you during our closure to keep you informed. We want you and your child to feel that learning is continuing in a meaningful way under these circumstances.

I want to inform you of some restrictions we need you to follow during our closure regarding our schools and administration buildings, available technology support, and communicating with your child's school.

Effective tomorrow, Friday, March 20, 2020 all school buildings and administrative buildings will BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

School Building Visitors

No students or parents will be permitted in the buildings. All student technology and learning materials were already distributed. However, if you should you have any needs, please contact your school principal.

The Administration Buildings

In the event you have business with the Hattie Britt BOE Bldg., Masonville Bldg., or Margaret L. Haynes Transportation and Learning Center, please call our offices rather than visit them. We want to limit our employees and you to possible exposure to reduce the spread of COVID19.

Virtual School Hours

On Monday, March 23, 2020, all school buildings will be on a virtual operating plan with school hours in place from 8 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday. You will

never know the difference though, because our building principals, school secretaries, guidance counselors, school nurses, and child study teams as well as any other support staff that assist you during the year, will be answering messages, emails, and reaching out to you to help address your questions and/or concerns to support your children. Communication with your teachers and your schools will be just like when we were in session, emails are preferred, however all messages left with your school will be returned promptly.

Technology Support Services

There is no doubt that during this time of online virtual learning technology support may be needed. In the event, you need assistance please communicate that to your child's teacher and they will submit a Help Desk Work Order in your name electronically to our technology department. Once received our technology staff will contact you immediately and directly to resolve your issue. Do not call the technology department directly.

Finally, we wish you continued success with your child's online learning and hope to keep the momentum of our early success going in the coming days. We appreciate your patience and we expect to only improve as we all become more familiar with learning together in this new way!

Sincerely,

George J. Rafferty, Ed. D.

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