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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. This letter is to both inform and remind you of several important district issues.

1. We received confirmation over the weekend that another two individuals at Lincoln Elementary School have tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Due, however, to the logistics and timing, only those diagnosed and limited other individuals will need to quarantine. As a result, the building can remain open for in-person instruction.
2. Starting tomorrow our modified hybrid schedule will go into effect with students from both Cohorts A & C in both Lincoln Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Middle School in the buildings for in-person instruction. If the change in this schedule is a hardship for your family, your child(ren) can simply log in and attend classes virtually.
3. Also if your family travelled over the holiday break to restricted states, please notify your school nurse and/or your building principal so that your child(ren) can take advantage of remote learning while they quarantine.

As with all past Coronavirus cases, the district is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. People or individuals both in the district as well as outside of school who had contact with those diagnosed will or have been contacted directly by the Department of Health or our school nurses.

Please know that the cleaning and disinfecting of the entire building will also continue as per outlined in our district Restart and Re-entry Plan. The school is also taking extra precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is continuing to clean frequently touched surfaces daily. The status of the situation is fluid, and we are continuing to monitor it closely.

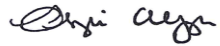
We understand the level of concern regarding a positive case in the district. At the same time, we encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes properly and disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks or utensils;
- Practicing social distancing and staying 6 feet apart when possible;
- Wearing a face covering while at school;
- Continuing to monitor your health for targeted symptoms.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant, but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. **While we have been extremely lucky in our efforts to stay open these past months and move forward with even this small change in the schedule, I do want to emphasize how quickly the situation around us can change due to current health conditions, and if so, we will have to act accordingly. For now, however, we are "open for business" in the Borough.**

Should you have any questions, please feel to reach out to your school nurse for medical concerns or your building principal for administrative issues. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your Sunday.

Sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phyllis Alpaugh".

Phyllis Alpaugh
Superintendent