



BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS / SPECIAL SERVICES

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Howard Lerner, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

Our District is committed to doing everything possible in protecting our students both emotionally and physically. We are actively monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and engaging in efforts to curtail its effects. We have developed strong collaborative partnerships with experts in public health, including the New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Education, and the Bergen County Department of Health Services. They continue to share their guidance, protocols, and recommendations on mitigating the coronavirus.

Our custodial staff has been proactive and is performing deep cleaning to disinfect classrooms, doorknobs, light switches, faucets, cafeteria tables, bathrooms, and all cardio and exercise equipment. Additionally, hand sanitizers are accessible and posted throughout our school buildings for students and staff. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) flyers are being placed throughout our buildings to raise awareness and reinforce the importance of washing your hands to stay healthy.

As parents, you play a critical role in helping us curtail the spread of the coronavirus. Please read and adhere to the following recommendations from the CDC with your children:

- Cover your mouth if you cough and sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds after coughing and sneezing.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home if you are sick, especially with a fever. Students must be fever-free, without fever-reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

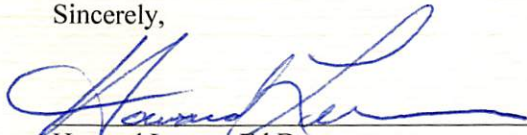
For your information, families with a child/ren who have traveled or will be traveling to an area of the world impacted by the coronavirus should first contact their child's/children's doctor to discuss the CDC's recommended self-quarantine protocols and then follow up with their school nurse.

I have attached important resources and prevention information below for you to access. There are additional links on our District and school websites.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at:
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
- New Jersey Department of Health at:
- <https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/schoolhealth.shtml>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school Principal. We appreciate your cooperation and will update you as we receive pertinent information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard Lerner", written over a horizontal line.

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Cc: Administrators, Faculty and Staff