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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in the evening, I learned that a member of the Honiss faculty tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This teacher was in recent close contact with other staff members.

The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. The Bergen County Health Department (BCHD) has advised that the staff members in question, must remain in quarantine until October 1, 2020, and the sick employee cannot return until they are healthy. Due to medical privacy laws, I am unable to release the name of the individual who tested positive and the names of the faculty members in quarantine.

We have taken the necessary precautions including a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the staff members' classrooms as per the guidelines of the Bergen County Health Department.

As a result of this information, and because of the lack of middle school staffing, **we will have to delay the in-person start of the middle school hybrid schedule for at least 14 days (until Monday, October 5th)**. All middle school students will continue Virtual-Only instruction. The elementary school (K-5) will begin the in-person hybrid schedule as scheduled on Tuesday, September 22.

We will continue to monitor all staff members for any signs of the potential illness. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact me at 201 387-3020 or via email.

Below are some resources that might be helpful.

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_community.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml)

b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

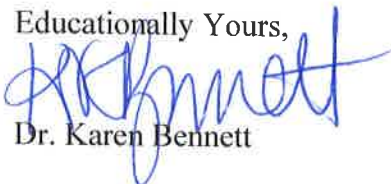
c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

d. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/testing/index.html> <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Educationally Yours,



Dr. Karen Bennett

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