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Greetings and thank you for all the kind notes and support regarding our efforts to keep the community informed. I want to assure you that our entire District Staff and Administration are monitoring the situation very carefully and we are committed to our students' safety. We are keeping track of this situation through our local/county health departments, the NJ Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These health officials believe the risk to our school community remains low at this time.

There is currently NO recommendation to close schools in our area. However, we have been asked by the Department of Education to act with a precautionary set of protocols and to develop a plan should it become necessary for school closure where the day would still count as a school day for students. In other words, the physical school buildings would be closed, but teachers would provide instruction in some form to students in all grade levels. Please note, that the determination to close schools due to a public health-related issue is made by the NJDOH or the Township Health Officer, not the School District. It is important to be prepared and doing so should not correlate to increased concern.

*Therefore, please note that Mendham Township Schools will have a delayed opening on Wednesday, March 11th, so that we can finalize strong and meaningful plans for your children in the event of school closures due to the coronavirus. We are also planning to use this time for additional disinfecting of all our buildings.

*Also, please respond to the survey at the links below. The survey data will allow us to assess students' access to the internet and devices at home.

MTMS survey

<https://forms.gle/4V4zmAN5pkvHZkLn9>

MTES survey

<https://forms.gle/gR1T85gbThw6wyy86>

I want to thank our amazing Teaching Staff and Administrators for their hard work and steadfast resolve in providing our students with an amazing school experience. They have been committed to safety and preparedness from the very beginning and our comprehensive plan in case of closing is a result of their efforts. Again, thank you for your support.

Every Student, Every Day
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