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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Based on the recent closures of RBRHS and the Little Silver Public Schools, the Shrewsbury Borough School will be closed tomorrow, Friday, March 13th, 2020 for students. Our faculty and staff will utilize this day to prepare for the delivery of virtual, home instruction for all of our students and be prepared to begin that instruction on Monday, March 16th, 2020 should we need to be closed for an extended period of time.

It is important that you know that we currently have no known cases of coronavirus (COVID 19), we have no “presumptive positive” cases of COVID 19, and there are no known “close contact” concerns. Currently, the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission considers all of our students and community to be at a low risk for acquiring COVID 19.

I have been in close communication and consultation with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, the Monmouth County Executive Superintendent of Schools, and other stakeholders from our community. The decision to close is made with much consideration for members of our school and local community who may have underlying medical needs and extended family members who are at a higher risk of infection from COVID 19.

Limiting the impact of COVID-19 will require a shared response from everyone. We will continue to provide updates and information. Families should continue to consult these resources for information and advice:

- [NJ Department of Health](#)
- [CDC](#)
- NJDOH COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-222-1222

As a reminder, please use these simple but best practices to minimize the spread of germs in your house and between your family members:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow
- Students and employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are advised to stay home and not come to work/school

Our Maintenance and Custodial Team is busy cleaning our building throughout the school day and performing systematic, deep cleans every evening to pay particular attention to highly used and highly trafficked areas of the school. Our staff is using approved disinfectants, a 10% diluted bleach mixture, as well as the disinfectant surface wipes to clean our entire school each day. The district has also purchased electrostatic disinfecting

equipment and UV sterilization equipment to use throughout the school as soon as they arrive. We are wholly focused on preventing and mitigating COVID 19 at SBS.

We will have more information for students and parents regarding our virtual, home instruction plan tomorrow, Friday, March 13th, 2020.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent