



March 9, 2020

Dear Families and Students,

This afternoon, we received a report from the Monmouth County Health Commission that a resident of Little Silver tested “presumed positive” for COVID-19. At the present time, the working assumption is that he contracted the virus while attending a conference out-of-state. The resident has a sibling who attends RBR, but at the present time no one else in the family has been tested for the virus.

Immediately following the report, we participated in a local meeting with a Monmouth County Health Official, town officials, EMT, Little Silver Police, and the Little Silver Superintendent. The Department of Health is strongly recommending that symptomatic individuals should immediately contact their primary health care physician regarding testing measures.

As a precautionary measure, RBR will be closed tomorrow, 3/10/2020, so the custodial staff can perform additional deep cleaning of the building. This will also give health officials time to evaluate the situation and provide us with further direction. We will be sending out additional information when it becomes available.

Our staff will be developing contingency plans to ensure continuity of our instructional program in the event of an extended school closing. Although these developments are concerning, we should not act out of fear. We should all continue to take common-sense precautions to minimize any risk.

Prevention: Do not come to school if you are sick; those with fever should remain at home until they are “fever free” for a minimum of 24 hours.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Keep your hands away from your mouth, eyes, and nose
- Do not share food or drinks
- Contact your healthcare provider immediately if you experience symptoms

Resources:

Local information about COVID19 can be found at the Monmouth County Health Department [website](#). Reliable and timely updates are provided by the Center for Disease control at [CDC.gov](#).

The NJDOH has provided these guidelines for schools in the event of a disease outbreak: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/schoolhealth.shtml>. In addition, our Board of Education has a policy to address the control communicable disease that you may want to review.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Sincerely,
Louis Moore
Superintendent

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Principal