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Dear Florham Park Parents/Guardians,

RE: Coronavirus "COVID-19" District Update (Field Trips, In-House Events, Athletics)

Please note that the following message comes after having consulted **earlier today** with our local health department and Office of Emergency Management (OEM), our neighboring districts, and adherence to current CDC guidance. The following is in effect from March – April 9th:

- **Field Trips / Off Campus Professional Development**

Since our district cannot guarantee if outside locations/vendors are adhering to CDC recommended hygiene/sanitizing guidelines and procedures, as our district's schools currently abide by (and in fact exceeds), all school-based field trips and off campus professional development training for staff that have been scheduled for the remainder of March through April 9th will be canceled. The 8th grade RMS trip to Washington, DC, scheduled for June and all other trips that are scheduled after April 9th in the district will be revisited as events unfold and further guidance is provided by the CDC and/or our local health department. The District will communicate with all vendors to try to reschedule and/or recoup any expenditure.

- **In-House Events**

In addition, due to the higher risk of contracting an illness in larger group gatherings and the most recent recommendations provided by our local health department and OEM **received today**, the District will also be cancelling In-District events that were previously scheduled for the public/community during this timeframe. Unfortunately, due to the timing of receiving this guidance, tomorrow's Brooklake Science Expo and the RMS Senior Citizen Luncheon, along with other events that fall within this timeframe will be cancelled. I do understand the inconvenience this causes, but these events will be revisited again on April 9th, and hopefully they can be rescheduled prior to the end of the year.

- **RMS Athletics**

Fortunately, the athletic schedule does not have any games scheduled until we return from Spring Break on April 20th since the District was able to move previously scheduled games to after Spring Break (April 20th) to not impact the athletic schedule.

Please note that these protocols are subject to change based on the fluidity of the situation we find ourselves in along with daily guidance provided by our local health department, CDC, OEM. Please understand that these decisions are not made without careful consideration and with the safety and health of our students and staff being the highest priority.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation during these very challenging times.

Sincerely,

Steven Caponegro

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