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RE: Delayed Openings & Snow Days (COVID-19)

Dear **Florham Park Parents/Guardians**,

This week, the NJDOE has granted permission for school districts to provide virtual or remote instruction to meet the minimum 180-day school year requirement in circumstances of inclement weather for the 2020/21 school year due to COVID-19. In light of this new guidance, please be advised of the following procedure for the 2020/21 school year:

Delayed Opening Procedure

Should the district call for a delayed opening, as done in the past, this communication will still continue to be provided to staff and the community via SchoolMessenger (email, voicemail, etc.) in a timely manner. Rather than pushing back the start and end time of the in-person school day, since this would involve providing a lunch period for all students (*one of the higher risk factors associated with COVID-19 and schools, and a practice not recommended by our health officer*), when a delayed opening is communicated, all students will now convert to a fully virtual instructional model on these delayed opening days. No in-person instruction will be taking place when a delayed opening is communicated. Instead, classes will be taught virtually, mirroring the normal operating times of our current hybrid schedule, a schedule that our students and staff have become accustomed to as part of the current hybrid model.

Snow Days

Should the district call for a snow day; rather than providing online, virtual instruction during this time, a snow day will not count towards the 180-day requirement and virtual instruction will not be taking place. A snow day will not be used as a virtual, instructional day. Instead, we ask that students and families take advantage of this *free day* by playing outside in the snow, sleeping in, and enjoying time with their family members.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as the district continues to navigate through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Steven Caponegro

Dr. Steven Caponegro

"Every day may not be good, but there is good in every day." - Alice Morse Earle