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RE: COVID-19 Positive - Ridgedale School (Closed 14 days) Reopen - April 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the district was recently informed of another individual within the Ridgedale School classroom setting who has tested positive for COVID-19. The last time that this individual was in the physical, classroom instructional environment was on *Monday, March 29, 2021*. **All individuals considered to be a *Close Contact*, as per the NJDOH, within the school setting and require quarantining have already been contacted.** As per the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, a school must consider a closure for 14 days based on the investigation by the local health department if the school meets the following scenario “*2 or more cases are identified within 14 days that occur across multiple classrooms, are not linked to exposures outside the school setting, and a clear connection between cases cannot be easily identified.*” In accordance with NJDOH guidance, and in consultation with our local health department following its investigation, it was determined that the **Ridgedale Middle School will be closed through Monday, April 12, 2021.** [*14 days from date of last exposure - 3/29/21*].

Ridgedale School will return to our hybrid model of instruction on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. During this time, the Briarwood School and Brooklake School will not be closed and will continue to operate in its current hybrid model of instruction.

This is a fluid situation and our local health department is working with school personnel to conduct all necessary contact tracing, which will continue throughout the coming days. As we continue to navigate the changing conditions of this pandemic, let us continue to work together in being vigilant in our approaches to this public health crisis. Please continue to wear masks, regularly sanitize your hands, and practice good social distancing. As always, the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact the school nurse or principal.

Additionally, below are some resources that might be helpful.

RESOURCES → NJDOH Link: [NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public](#)
→ CDC Links: [Get the Facts about Coronavirus](#), [Symptoms of COVID-19](#), [Testing](#),
[How to Protect Yourself](#), [What to Do if You Are Sick](#)

Please note that all actions and protocols the District has taken regarding COVID-19 have been and continues to be done in consultation with and following the recommendations from our local health department.

Thank you again for your understanding and your shared commitment to the education of our students.

Sincerely,

Steven Caponegro

Dr. Steven Caponegro

cc: School Nurse
Mr. Thomas Cantisano, Florham Park Health Officer