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Dear Parents,

As we consistently listen to the New Jersey Department of Health and the Sussex County NJDOH, the information regarding the positive Covid cases appears that those numbers have been increasing to the point where the Sussex County DOH has stated that we are currently in "a county-wide pandemic".

Currently, our risk level is at yellow but cusping on orange. Orange is considered High Risk. That determination will be reported later this week but DOH states the data predicts that Sussex County will be moved to Orange at that time. The recommendation from the NJDOH will be to go completely remote once the region goes Orange. Added to the possible traveling that will most likely occur during the holidays and the mandates that the schools must follow, including treating *every COVID-19 symptom* as a possible positive (which includes contact tracing for those deemed "close contacts") Ogdensburg will follow their recommendation. There is a very distinct possibility that our school will go remote from 11/25/2020 to 1/18/2021.

We understand the frustration and concern that comes with going remote and we do not make these decisions without taking the parent's and student's concerns into consideration. This is why we are trying to give you as much notice as possible so you may secure plans if needed. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely, David Astor Superintendent