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Dear Parents,

As we continue to consistently listen to the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH) and the Sussex County NJDOH, the information regarding the positive Covid cases continues to rise to the point where we are now in the High-Risk level-Orange Risk level.

As stated in my last week's letter dated 11/15/2020, the recommendation from the NJDOH will be to go completely remote once the region goes Orange. This decision is based upon the increasing numbers of positive cases, almost doubling from each previous week, added to the holiday travels and the mandates that the schools must follow (please view attached CDC charts), Ogdensburg will follow their recommendation. **We will be providing remote instruction after today until at the very least December 14, 2020.** We will continue to monitor the recommendations and data from the Department of Health to make a decision beyond that date. There have been some additions to our remote schedule due to the extended duration. We have included small group lessons and independent instruction in the schedule along with regular classes for middle school students on Wednesdays. Note that after the early dismissal classes, students will have time for lunch and recess before we move into small group lessons and independent work.

We continue to 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. The data that has been provided to the Sussex County Superintendents by the DOH compelled us to look at all of the information and make a unilateral decision to cease in-person instruction and restart remote instruction until our numbers stabilize and decrease. I have provided documentation with data from the DOH which illustrates the recent rise and average positive cases in our area. I have also provided the remote schedule which we will be following until we return to in-person instruction.

The free food program will continue during this period. Please feel free to come to the school and pick up breakfast and lunch for your child(ren). Please note that the school will be completely closed this Wednesday 11/25 and the doors will be open on Monday 11/30.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you and stay safe.



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