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Re: Transportation Concerns Related to Uptick in COVID cases

Dear Washington Township Staff and Families,

I am in the unfortunate position of sharing the news that, like so many other parts of the country, Washington Township and surrounding communities are beginning to again experience an uptick in COVID-positive cases. With this obvious cause for concern, I am asking our families to remain vigilant in monitoring the health of their children, checking them for COVID-related symptoms and keeping them home from school if they are sick.

While we do not feel an immediate need to implement or re-establish pandemic-related restrictions, I wanted to inform our community that we are beginning to see an increase in staff absences across the District, including a shortage of bus drivers, because of this trend. Our transportation department is making every effort to manage the entirety of its bus runs, but the possibility remains that some delays or cancellations may be on the immediate horizon. We felt it important to bring attention to that possibility so that our families can make plans in the event we are forced to cancel some routes.

We remain hopeful that COVID concerns will not interfere with our end-of-year activities and celebrations and share this information out as a reminder that the health and safety of our staff and students remain our top priority. We are in constant contact with the Gloucester County Department of Health and will communicate further should the situation warrant.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Bollendorf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Mr. Joseph Bollendorf, Superintendent