RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Families,

Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School has plans in place to ensure the health and safety of our school community and the continuation of instruction. Our team has remained vigilant in our preparations for the possibility of the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease). We want to update you on our prevention and preparation activities that took place this week at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School related to the potential spread of COVID-19.

- On Monday, March 2, members of the Administrative Team and four members of the Board of Education met to review our prevention and preparedness activities.
- We added custodial staff in order to increase the frequency of disinfecting our desktops, doorknobs, water fountains, and other frequently touched surfaces.
- We provided alcohol-based hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes in all classrooms and offices.
- We ensured that our buses are being disinfected more frequently.
- We are collecting detailed information about each absence. (This information remains confidential.)

We will continue to operate as usual. There are no plans to cancel any of our upcoming spring programs and activities. As we continue to receive information from state officials and our local health department, we will notify you if we must adjust our plans. Please remember that the best prevention is:

- wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- keep your children home if they are sick;
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and
- cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve, not your hands.

For reliable information about the COVID-19, we recommend you access the Center for Disease Control's website: <u>CDC.gov</u>. Locally, the Monmouth County Department of Health is providing <u>updates</u>. Additionally, the National Council of School Psychologists provided this <u>guidance</u> for parents when talking to your children about the spread of the COVID-19.

On Monday, March 9, 2020, our students will be released at 1:54 PM for an Early Dismissal Monday. As we do on all EDMs, the faculty will be collaborating on important tasks related to instruction. During the March 9 EDM, we will be refining on the details of the RFH plan for continuing instruction and services should the Department of Health, or State of New Jersey, require RFH to close the school for any reason. If you have not already done so, please tell us about your child's access to the Internet by taking this <u>survey</u>.

The Board of Education and the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional faculty and staff are committed to protecting the health of our school community. We expect to send <u>weekly updates</u> regarding COVID-19, unless there are new developments. You can find additional resources on our website <u>www.rumsonfairhaven.org</u>.

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