



TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Township of Franklin School District Community,

The Township of Franklin Public School District is committed to the health, and safety of our staff and students. As you are well aware, the coronavirus has controlled the headlines for the past few weeks. Please be assured that the district continues to stay abreast of the situation and that the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have continuously informed districts of the recommended best practices and have provided up to date information on the spread of the virus.

Please know that the district has already taken action including the following.....

- Reviewed current policies/protocols to maximize the level of preparedness
 - (Policy #2412 – *Home Instruction Due to Health Condition*)
 - (Policy #8451 – *Control of Communicable Disease*)
- Ongoing monitoring of student and staff attendance
- School nurses continue to monitor staff and students for flu like symptoms
- Using anti-bacterial products on all high-touch surfaces daily
- Increased the frequency of school building cleaning by custodial staff
- Purchased additional cleaning products to meet increased usage demand
- Assessing technology capabilities in case of unanticipated long-term closure

The most effective way to stay healthy and minimize the spread of infectious disease is to follow basic health best practices such as: enforcing hygiene, washing hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds, avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, and covering up coughs/sneezes. These nonpharmaceutical interventions are a common-sense approach to combat the spread of any virus.

Additional information regarding the virus can be found on the New Jersey Department of Health's website at <https://www.nj.gov/health/>. If necessary, updated school district information will be posted on the district website www.franklintwpschools.org. I appreciate your collaboration and support in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy as possible.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Troy Walton'.

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