



Kimberly J. Schneider, Ed. D.
Superintendent

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Dear MCSSSD family,

As part of our district COVID reopening plan, I am informing the entire Mercer County Special Services School District community that we have been informed that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19.

Immediately upon notification of the positive test result, Administration and the principal conducted contact tracing to determine if the person with a positive test result had close contact with any other persons while at school. In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Health, "close contact" is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. As a result of this process, it was determined that there was no school-based close contacts as this person has not been in the building. We ask that the community refrain from spreading rumors and false information regarding positive cases.

In accordance with the district COVID reopening plan, all areas of the school are being sanitized as per CDC guidelines with special attention to high touch areas and areas where the infected person was in attendance. These procedures were taken in addition to our routine protocols

To ensure a safe learning environment, staff and students will continue to wear face coverings and follow social distancing while our schools are sanitized consistently throughout the day. We strongly encourage all members of our school community to continually monitor themselves for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and to seek medical assistance when feeling ill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly J. Schneider".

Kimberly J. Schneider, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools