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Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Community

At this time Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education have directed schools to update plans for outbreaks or pandemics. As expected, the coronavirus situation is changing day by day and as we move into new phases of this pandemic, we must adjust our guidance and response activities. Yesterday, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health announced that there was the first possible community transmission in the State of New Jersey. This moves us into a new phase of the response and while we have not documented community transmissions here in Burlington County yet, we wish to be proactive in preventing the spread within the county.

The new guidelines recommend that we cancel or postpone mass gatherings of more than 250 people. In an effort to proactively prevent possible spreading in our school and our community populations the following areas will be cancelled while the state continues to monitor the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Our school district will implement social distancing measures immediately. As a result, the following actions are effective immediately:

- Cancellation of All School Trips, Professional Developments, etc.
- Parent Teachers Conferences are cancelled
- Cancellation of all Athletic Games, Practices, Events
- Cancellation of all extracurricular activities
- Cancellation of all events utilized from external vendors
- Cancellation of all community and volunteer entry that utilize our schools before and after hours

More specifically, any event planned at Willingboro Public Schools are cancelled.

At this time we have not received a written directive to close our schools from the New Jersey Department of Health or the Burlington County Department of Health. However, this is subject to change at any given time.

Sincerely,

Nadine Tribbett
Acting Superintendent