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Dear Magnolia Family,

As we wrap up our fourth week of hybrid learning, we wanted to share with you how amazing it is to see the children. From every administrator to every staff member, the enjoyment of seeing the children's smiling faces each morning when we greet them is surely a pleasure. **If your child is currently learning remotely, but you'd like to change his/her status to in-person learning, please complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/3H5KbgCvnqa2CTwv8>**

Over the past few weeks, we have continued to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. From what we have seen, the numbers continue to rise in New Jersey, especially in the Southwest region of our state, which includes Camden County. As the numbers increase, our number one goal here at Magnolia is to keep everyone safe and healthy. We also highly prioritize keeping school open for students to come in person. Although Magnolia School District has had minimal confirmed cases to date, we have to prepare for the possibility of our region shifting from the yellow (moderate risk) category to the orange (high risk) category. The guidelines and restrictions could significantly impact our school, community, and district operations.

The [New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#) has established requirements set forth for school districts. The difference between a yellow/moderate risk and orange/high risk is the increase in mandatory quarantines for anyone with COVID-like symptoms (even without a confirmed positive). That being said, if our region moves to the orange/high risk status, there is a strong possibility that we will need to shift to all remote learning, based on the Governor's recommendation.

The purpose of this letter is not to create panic or alarm, but to keep you updated with the status of our county. **As of now, we don't have any intentions of going back to full remote, unless we are directed to do so, or we cannot safely staff our school in person.** We appreciate your continued support through all of this and will continue to keep you informed of the changing risk status and the impact it may have on our school community.

Respectfully,

Karen Macpherson, Superintendent

Paul Sorrentino, Principal

Jennifer Pontarelli, Supervisor