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Dear Families,

We hope that you and your families are well. We are happy to be back at school and continuing with our reopening plan. As you may be aware, our county has seen a large increase in cases of Covid-19. It is unavoidable that we will see cases within our schools. With vigilance and strict adherence to our health and safety protocols, we hope to minimize the impact on our schools. But, we need your help.

Our Daily Health Questionnaire asks questions that you should be utilizing to determine if your child should be coming into school. If you answer Yes to any of the survey questions, **please do not send your child into school** as it greatly affects the possibility of an outbreak. **The definition of an outbreak - when transmission of Covid-19 is traced back to within the school. ** To me, outbreak is a strong, frightening word, but this categorization is being applied if even one case of transmission has occurred within the school.

If you have any questions as to whether or not you should send your child to school, please reach out to your building's nurse. We are happy to talk through details with you so that the right decision can be made.

Please also keep in mind that if <u>ANY</u> family member within the household has a cough, fever, shortness of breath, or loss of taste/smell, **do not send your child**. If <u>ANY</u> family member within the household is getting tested for Covid-19 and waiting for results, **do not send your child**.

Our Allamuchy rules and guidelines have proven to work and have helped us to keep our doors open and have our students back in school safely - but we cannot let our guard down and everyone needs to do their part to help. Children do present with less severe symptoms that could easily be dismissed as a cold or stomach virus. In this time with the cases continuing to climb, we cannot afford to be dismissive of these minor symptoms. It is better to play it safe and go virtual while in doubt. Additionally, please remember you can refer to your physician or pediatrician for advice regarding testing.

Let's team up and do our part to control Covid. Be vigilant, be responsible, take precautions, follow the guidelines and together we can continue to see positive results.

Thank you for your support!

The ATSD Admins