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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We understand that recent communications regarding the 9-period schedule were unintentionally unclear. We apologize for any angst or confusion we may have caused, and would like to clarify what will occur and why the decisions were made.

While building the new 9-period schedule and considering all our proactive safety protocols for COVID-19, we found it necessary to modify our Specials programming to allow for a combination of in-person and virtual opportunities during the instructional day. These classes will be offered during the AM school session. By the nature of their schedule, our Specials teachers are in contact with every grade level throughout the District. To be proactive, some specials will need to continue to teach virtually to ensure the safety of our staff and students. The intention of keeping some specials virtual is an effort to ensure that the district would not have to turn an entire school virtual due to possible Covid-19 exposure since specials teachers have contact with children in every grade level.

Currently, our Specials teachers are located in either the Mountain Villa School or the Allamuchy Township School. When possible, teachers will host in-person classes in the building in which they are located and run virtual classes at other times with the assistance of the homeroom teacher. With the exception of physical education and music, students will receive instruction in their homeroom. Physical education classes are being hosted both in the gym and outside at both MVS and ATS and will be in-person as often as feasible. Students in grades 3-5 will have music in the music room.

As the pandemic situation evolves, we will make adjustments to the delivery of these classes. It is likely that in-person opportunities may also increase if the health situation improves.

Truly,

The ATSD Admins