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School Principals

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Dear Mercer County Technical School Community,

Due to the recent drastic uptick in cases related to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCTS will remain on remote instruction until January 19, 2021. We continue to work closely with our sending schools and are receiving information that many of them are also planning remote instruction with the upcoming Thanksgiving and December holidays pending. As always, our first priority at MCTS is to maintain a safe and secure teaching and learning environment for our students, staff, and school community. Please keep in mind that MCTS is currently a receiving school district for twenty-six (26) sending schools.

As we continue to plan for a comprehensive curriculum for all of our students at MCTS, we are attempting to infuse additional methods to provide hands-on learning opportunities during these unusual days. We thrive to consider the individualized needs, interests, and characteristics of each of our pupils and look for creative ways to keep our learners motivated and excited.

In planning for students to return to in-person instruction, we are developing procedures and protocols to make this return efficient and orderly. As we have stated before, our planning includes mindfulness of class sizes, equipment, facilities, schedules, CDC guidelines, State of New Jersey Department of Education requirements, Board of Health regulations, personnel, and transportation. In addressing these issues, we continue to develop a comprehensive plan for in-person instruction using a hybrid model.

You will continue to be updated on the return plan based on individual schedules and transportation. Please check our website for updates.

We understand that everyone is very anxious to return to a model of in-person learning and we sincerely appreciate your patience and support as we move forward to deliver instruction in a safe manner. We hope you and your family use all of the ingenuity and creativity our learners possess to plan a holiday season that allows for closeness while maintaining social distancing and safety.

Thank you and stay safe,

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