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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope everyone's summer break is off to a great start.

As I shared with you in my previous communication, Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education released a comprehensive strategic plan for the reopening of schools in September 2020 titled: [*The Road Back: New Jersey's Restart and Recovery Plan for Education*](#). Please know that the district administrative team and I have been diligently working around the clock to prepare the best possible plans for a safe re-opening of our schools in September. Earlier this week we held our first meeting of the District Restart "Advisory" Committee. The committee is made up of 34 volunteers, representing various district and community stakeholders, i.e., Board of Education Members, District Administrators, Teachers, Nurses, Parents, Township Committee Members, and the Department of Health. Additionally, each school has created building-based Pandemic Response Teams which is also a cross-section of the community to serve as liaisons to the District Restart "Advisory" Committee.

As you are aware, there are many components to the NJDOE Restart and Recovery Plan and we will address them all to the best of our ability utilizing the most up-to-date information, with the understanding that changes are likely to occur as the summer continues. To further assist the District Restart "Advisory" Committee with the planning process we have developed a survey seeking input from the parents and guardians of our students. You can access the Hanover Township Public Schools "Return to School Parent Survey" by clicking on this [LINK](#). We request that you complete the survey no later than Monday, July 13th. The results of this survey will be used to assist the committee as well as our administrative team as we move forward in our planning process.

As is always the case, the health and safety of our students and staff is of paramount concern in making decisions regarding the district's re-opening plans. We will continue to coordinate our efforts with the members of the Regional School Districts and our local Department of Health.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in this process. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions and/or concerns.

Be Well, Be Strong, and Stay Safe.

Sincerely,

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