



March 11, 2020

Dear Parents,

This afternoon I attended a “peninsula meeting” with our fellow school districts of Fair Haven, RFH, Little Silver, Shrewsbury, Red Bank, and RBR that was hosted by county level health agencies, the Office of Emergency Management, and Riverview Hospital on the COVID-19/coronavirus pandemic.

Based on what was shared at this meeting I walked away assured that the Rumson School District has every recommended protocol for minimizing the risk to our students and staff in place and our preparation for a school closure is where it should be.

Based on the risk assessment being done through individual screening of individuals in the area by the county health commission, inclusive of individuals connected to the presumptive positive case at Red Bank Regional, the imminent need for closure for the Rumson School District is not high, however this could change at any point.

At this point I am notifying our school community to prepare for a closure should it be needed. Students will begin to bring home what they need, including requested Chromebooks, for at-home virtual learning. If a closure is called, you will be notified by me through our emergency notification system and a letter will follow with next steps for our virtual learning plan.

In the meantime, if you make the decision to keep your children home we certainly understand and respect your decision.

Tomorrow morning I will be meeting with my colleagues throughout Monmouth County and leadership from the New Jersey Department of Education to gain information to further inform this decision and to guide decision-making as it relates to our mandated 180 day calendar.

It is my intent to follow up with further information tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Dr. John E. Bormann
Superintendent of Rumson Schools