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Dear High Point Community:

Over the past year we have all become students of epidemiology so as to effectively function during this pandemic. We have all learned far more about virology and contagion than we ever imagined, or wished to imagine. As the year has passed that increased knowledge and understanding has enabled us to make more informed decisions. We have made every attempt to make decisions that ensure the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. We have made every effort to communicate frequently and to be thoroughly transparent. With transparency and effective communication in mind, I thought it appropriate to provide an update letter so as to hopefully clarify what might be misunderstandings or confusion, after a full year of COVID in New Jersey.

Since last March High Point has diligently followed the guidelines, protocols and directives of the Sussex County Department of Health (SCDOH). Our Reopening Task Force was composed of all community stakeholder groups. Each decision to close or remain open was informed by the Task Force's Reopening Plan and by SCDOH guidelines. Notification has been sent to the community following each confirmed case: letter notifications of cases that have impacted on-site activities, along with other important notifications regarding COVID-19, are sent to all parents and stakeholders via email and our student information system, through all High Point social media platforms, as well as posted on our website: (<http://www.hpregional.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=743855&pageId=66181156>); letter notifications of cases that required no impact to on-site activities are communicated via our website, internal communications, and our social media platforms. The vast majority of those notifications were to maintain case updates that had no impact to on-site activities.

We look forward to realizing our plans to open for four full days per week beginning April 12. We will communicate those plans definitively by March 19. We continue to work towards the goal of reestablishing the vitality of the full robust High Point educational experience for our students, our families and our community.

We continue to closely monitor the health and wellbeing of our students and our staff; communication will continue as is presented above. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Ripley [SRipley@hpregional.org], Principal Jon Tallamy [JTallamy@hpregional.org] or call the school at 973.875.3101; we believe that we will continue to overcome these circumstances together, as the High Point community.

Sincerely,



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