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Dear Carteret Schools Community,

This letter serves to provide an update on the current operational conditions during the Covid-19 pandemic. While the implementation of protocols for our return to school has been successful, it is apparent that no school in any community is immune to the effects of the pandemic. This week, we took measures to quarantine classes in 3 schools due to possible exposure.

The following is a chart of cases we have addressed since our re-opening on October 13, 2020:

Total Number of Cases Since Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> Opening	Number of People Quarantined Since Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> Opening
Staff: 6	Staff: 13
Students: 2	Students: 57

Be assured, none of these cases have originated at any of our facilities, nor do we have any instance of person-to-person transmission within our schools. Each case represents isolated incidents where exposure occurred outside of school. Our measures to quarantine classes has served, in an abundance of caution, to mitigate the possible exposure to others.

We continue to conduct careful contact tracing with every case, and consult with the county health department, as needed. Thankfully, our immediate attention and safety measures appear to be working and have prevented any community spread. We recognize that the numbers in New Jersey are rising and we will continue to monitor the data which may dictate possible changes in course. Know that we are committed to providing a quality education for all students, however, it is imperative we all do our part to ensure the safety of all.

Therefore, we ask that everyone continue to conduct the required daily screenings and remain home if showing any symptoms. Use masks and maintain social distancing as recommended by the CDC. In addition, it is everyone's responsibility to avoid travel to locations listed on the travel advisory and take every precaution necessary to prevent exposure. Know that your decisions impact EVERYONE within our school community. Let us all be committed to doing everything we can to protect each other.

Respectfully,

R. Diaz