November 7, 2020

Dear McGinn Families,

We were informed yesterday that a staff member at McGinn Elementary School has tested positive for Covid-19. In addition, our McGinn community has experienced a series of unrelated, COVID exposures over the past few days. None of these cases stemmed from McGinn School; nevertheless, these exposures have impacted McGinn staff and students. All staff and family members connected with these cases have been contacted directly. For reasons of privacy, further details can not be provided.

As you are aware, cases of COVID-19 have been increasing in New Jersey. Dr. Mast has been working in conjunction with our school nurses, our district physician and the local health department to share all relevant information and determine the safest course moving forward. The Department of Health and the County Superintendent have recommended and supported our decision that **McGinn School remain all virtual until Monday, November 30th. Hybrid instruction at McGinn will resume on November 30, 2020 with the blue “A” cohort for all grades, K-4.**

The closure will enable our custodial staff additional time to deep clean, disinfect, and sanitize the building. We will continue to stay vigilant in implementing our important protocols to mitigate potential spread that include mask wearing, social distancing, screening procedures, enhanced cleaning, and other measures.

We understand this information poses challenges to your families. Thank you for all you are doing to support our students and the safety measures necessary in our community.

Sincerely,

Joan Mast, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  

Sasha Slocum, Ph.D.  
Principal