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Dear Cedar Grove Elementary School staff, parents and families:

After careful consideration and with guidance from the Ocean County Health Department, we've made the decision to temporarily close Cedar Grove Elementary School for 10 days. This has taken effect today, with a reopening and **return to hybrid learning scheduled for Monday, January 25**. During all of next week, Jan. 19-22, students and staff will work within an all-virtual model of instruction, adhering to the current daily [hybrid schedule](#).

We are making this temporary transition so that we can ensure a consistent instructional program while maintaining our top priority of keeping our Cedar Grove students and staff healthy and safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As you know through communication from Principal Stacey Monetti, the school took appropriate action to quarantine a classroom earlier this week. Since then, we've been made aware of several other positive cases at the school and, after consulting with OCHD, our nurses, and our leadership team, determined the safest, most cautious, and correct approach is to temporarily put a halt to in-person instruction.

I understand this is not ideal, and I acknowledge the hardships this imposes on our parents. I sympathize, sincerely. Which is why I wanted to reach out to our CGE school community personally to thank you for your ongoing patience and support, and to reassure you that I and everyone here-- from our school board to our maintenance staff-- are working tirelessly to ensure that your school and all of our schools continue to be the safest possible environments during this extremely challenging time.

Principal Monetti, who has done a wonderful job managing a difficult situation, and her team are available for any questions or concerns you may have, and you may contact her office at 732-505-5830. Thank you, again, for your patience, understanding, and flexibility, and please continue to be on the lookout for communication from your school throughout the next 10 days.

Regards,

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