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To our Toms River Regional Schools staff, parents, and families:

As we prepare for the next phase of our [#TRSafeReturn](#), I'd like to take this time to provide you with updated details about the actions we will be taking to ensure safe and healthy classroom operations.

Our original intention of providing student desk barriers for all spaces where social distancing could not be maintained was based on honoring guidelines and providing the safest environment possible for students and staff. Implementation has, based on your feedback, presented some practical challenges involving student movement, variations in surface areas, and lack of visibility, and we have made adjustments. Additionally, and as promised, we've implemented other measures to ensure health and safety moving forward. Those revised mitigation efforts include:

- The white lexan panel student desk barriers will be replaced with clear panel barriers in our K, 1, and 2 classrooms. Desk barrier adjustments in 3-5 classrooms are being explored.
- At all buildings, we will be using a commercial-grade purifying solution, BIOPROTECT™ RTU, which will be applied to the filters of our univents and HVAC systems.
- At our intermediate and high schools, we will offer face shields to all students who would like one to use as an additional barrier in combination with masks. Students are not required to wear them, but they will be made available to all.
- Also at our intermediate and high schools, we will be integrating the Vollara Air & Surface Pro+ air-purifying system to ensure air space is sanitized and removed of toxins and pollutants. This ActivePure Technology is the same used by the National Space Station.

From the start, we've maintained that the process of our [#TRSafeReturn](#) would be fluid, based on existing guidance and real-time feedback, and these additional measures are evidence of that intent. More information on these measures and products can be found on our [#TRSafeReturn website](#).

In one week, many of our intermediate and high school students will return for increased in-person learning, four days per week. At this secondary level, we currently have a higher percentage of students still opting for all-virtual instruction, and therefore we have more classroom environments that can honor social distancing. Nevertheless, at this and all levels of instruction, we will continue to monitor our classrooms; adjust accordingly; and make all available and possible efforts to ensure our spaces are safe, sanitized, and secure. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Regards,

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