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Dear Millstone Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is remarkable to think about how different things are today from just a week ago. In this short amount of time, we have seen educators completely redesign what K-8 schooling looks like. And while nothing can replace a face-to-face learning experience, children are learning and their needs are being met. We are seeing our schools, our staff, our students, our community, our state, and our nation rise up to battle this moment in history. I continue to be proud of the work that everyone is doing to make this moment meaningful for kids. We are all facing these challenges together, and I couldn't be more #proud2Bmillstone than I am right now.

As you may remember, the UFRSD and Millstone Township School District made the decision last week to close our schools through March 27, 2020. This decision was made to support the recommendation of social distancing and help slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus. This past week, the Governor closed all schools in New Jersey "until further notice." Now, all indications point to a much longer closure for our schools. Therefore, Mr. Guterl and I have made the decision to close all UFRSD and MTSD schools through spring break.

Spring break begins on Thursday, April 9th (early dismissal schedule) and has our schools reopening on Monday, April 20, 2020. There will be no remote learning during the week of spring break, because we recognize the real need for a mental break this year, more than ever.

We are fully aware that this date may need to be adjusted again. We will continue to monitor all information and consult with the Department of Health and the Department of Education to determine if the April 20th date is a realistic one.

As the time period for tele-schooling lengthens, lesson plans and the delivery of instruction will continue to evolve. Please be patient as teachers try new techniques, implement new strategies, and introduce new technology platforms. I am confident we will get through this time together. We have always been a great district, and this challenge only presents us with another opportunity to shine.

Stay healthy,
Dr. Chris Huss

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Huss".

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