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Dear Monroe Community,

Throughout our reopening plans, I have communicated updates with everyone regarding the arrival and installation of MERV-13 filters for all HVAC systems and challenges with staffing our schools. The district has worked to remedy both areas as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, due to the fact that I just learned this morning that we have not received our full order of MERV-13 filters and we are continuing to have difficulty filling all staff vacancies due to the pandemic, we are delaying the hybrid opening of the High School until December 7 or until we receive the remainder of the filters. All students will continue with the remote schedule. Self-contained, Falcon Life, and TAPS students will return to the High School on Monday, November 16 as planned and the classes will be placed in rooms where the MERV-13 filters have been installed. There will be no disruption to the HS sports program.

**This does not affect any PK through grade 8 building. Applegarth, Barclay Brook, Brookside, Mill Lake, Oak Tree, Woodland and the Monroe Township Middle School will open for hybrid students on Monday, November 16 as planned. These buildings have all been outfitted with the MERV-13 filters.**

I understand that this does come as a surprise and I do apologize for the late notice. I have worked with our team to try every available option to open for all hybrid students. I thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding as we work to keep all students and staff safe. I will continue to communicate all updates as we have them.

Thank you and stay well.

Dr. Alvich  
Superintendent