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Dear Mr. Kyle Anderson,

Based on New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy’s August 12 announcement that school districts may delay in-person learning related to concerns about health and safety standards, Monroe Township School District formally requests to educate students through the eFalcon Learning (fully remote) model for the first marking period of the 2020-2021 school year, which is through November 13, 2020. This plan will follow the full remote option as described in our Re-Entry Plan. The school will reassess in November to see if health and safety standards have been met in order to move into a hybrid learning model in our Re-Entry Plan, beginning November 16, 2020. The request for the duration of a marking period of remote learning is to provide some consistency for students. If we requested to return in October or after a shorter period of time, it would be more disruptive to students. We will also begin to implement opportunities for students with specific needs to have in-person services as soon as below standards are met, possibly before November 16.

We will continue to work diligently until we are able to meet the required standards, ensuring the health and safety of our students and educators. At this time we are not able to adequately meet the standards in the table below.

Standard	Need for Extension
Provide reasonable accommodations for students and staff identified as having a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including older adults and individuals with disabilities or serious underlying medical conditions.	The district has received a large number of requests from staff to either teacher remotely or apply for a leave according to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”), which requires certain employers (including MTSD) to provide employees with paid sick leave and expanded leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”) for specified reasons related to COVID-19. These provisions will apply from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The delay of the hybrid model will allow the district to raise confidence of staff for a return to schools. It will also provide the district time to hire staff needed for any staff member unable to be accommodated through a remote option.
Prepare for a potential shift back to entirely remote learning models by implementing measures to strengthen remote learning opportunities.	Teachers are requesting more professional development for remote and hybrid learning modules. We will use the first two days of the

	school year as well as afternoons on 9/3 and 9/4 for additional professional development. Ongoing professional development will be offered.
Ensure that indoor facilities have adequate ventilation, including by: maintaining operational heating and ventilation systems, where appropriate; ensuring that recirculated air has a fresh air component; opening windows if A/C is not provided; and maintaining filters for A/C units according to manufacturer recommendations.	All ducts have been cleaned over the summer. We have not yet received Merv-13 filters in district.
Ensure that hand sanitizing stations are maintained with alcohol-based hand sanitizers in each classroom, at entrances and exits of buildings, and near lunchrooms and bathrooms.	We have purchased hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes and they are currently available in the district. However, due to availability, we currently do not have enough available for the long term. Specifically, we will need to continue to reorder wipes for desks between classes at all schools.
Require students, staff and visitors to wear face coverings unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health, the individual is under two years of age, or other exceptions outlined in NJDOE's guidance apply, while providing any necessary accommodations for young students or students with disabilities.	We have purchased PPE for staff and some provisions for students and they are currently available in the district. However, due to availability, we are unsure of availability for a long term.

I am also including an updated Restart Plan for Monroe Township with this request. If you require any further information, please let me know.

Thank you,



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