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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

I hope that for most, this holiday break has provided an opportunity to gather with family and friends while finding some time for rest and relaxation. With school scheduled to begin on Monday, January 3rd, I know that there are a number of questions regarding our opening, and I would like to provide an update.

As of today, I have consulted with the Westfield Department of Health, and we are planning on opening schools next week with a normal schedule. In the event that a change in this determination is necessitated by a staffing related matter or other health related conditions, I will communicate this to you as soon as possible.

The CDC has issued new COVID-related guidelines for isolation and quarantine, and it appears that the NJ Department of Health will be adopting these new regulations. In speaking with the Westfield Department of Health, there will be school specific guidelines forthcoming, and therefore, we have been asked to follow the current guidelines until new guidance is released.

In terms of testing, I am appreciative that AMS was able to offer our school community two days (12/31 & 1/1) of voluntary testing for students, staff, and parents during a time where testing has become difficult to access. We have over 800 members of our school community being tested. For those that were unable to get appointments, I encourage you to continue to pursue other opportunities throughout the state.

Please note, as always, our goal is to keep our schools open while providing a safe environment for our students and staff. The Board of Education offices are also open.

I wish all of the members of our school community a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Miceli, Ed.D.".

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