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Dear Crossroads School Parents, Families and Faculty Members:

I am writing to follow up on notifications sent to you on June 11 and 14, 2021 regarding two individuals at Crossroads School who received positive COVID-19 test results.

Despite strict adherence to all district health, safety and cleaning protocols in response to these incidents, I was informed this morning that two additional individuals at Crossroads School received positive COVID-19 test results within the past 24 hours.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, I contacted Megan Avallone, Public Health Director at the Westfield Regional Health Office to determine the most appropriate course of action.

As a result, I am required to inform you that the Westfield Regional Health Office in conjunction with the NJ Department of Health ordered a 14-day closure of Crossroads School effective Wednesday, June 16. Access to the school will be restricted for students and staff until Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

This precautionary measure was made in response to the potential pattern of COVID-19 transmission within the Crossroads School and, ultimately, in strong consideration of the health and safety of our students, staff and families. It was further recommended that students and staff closely monitor for symptoms of illness over the next two weeks and report any changes to a health care provider.

Instruction on Wednesday, June 16 and Thursday, June 17 will follow full-day remote learning schedules while classes held on Friday, June 18 to Tuesday, June 22, 2021 will be 1:00 p.m. early dismissal days. Parents can expect to receive information regarding other schedule changes from your child's teachers.

During the closure, the Commission will assign additional custodians to conduct a deep cleaning and sanitization of Crossroads School in accordance with CDC guidelines. We will also work closely with local public health officials to conduct comprehensive contact tracing activities with the individuals who were impacted by these cases to minimize risk of community transmission.

I understand the frustration caused by this announcement and apologize for any inconvenience resulting from the late notification. It is certainly not the positive ending we envisioned to this challenging year. You can be assured that we will respond to this situation with utmost vigilance in order to prepare for the full in-person reopening of the Extended School Year Program at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Please contact the Principal of Crossroads School, Reed Leibfried, at 908-233-9317 x 2002 or my office at 908-233-9317 x 1001 or [mkowalski@ucesc.org](mailto:mkowalski@ucesc.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of the administration and staff of Crossroads School, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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