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Dear Parents, Staff, Faculty, and Community Members,

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has issued a Code Orange air quality alert for Wednesday, June 7, 2023, for North Central New Jersey. A Code Orange air quality alert means that the air pollution concentrations within the region may become unhealthy for sensitive groups. Sensitive groups include children, people suffering from asthma, heart disease, or other lung diseases, and the elderly. The effects of air pollution can be minimized by avoiding strenuous activity or exercising outdoors.

At this time, there are no changes to our arrival or dismissal at school. However, parents should be mindful of the possibility for the potential for delays in transportation due to the challenge of air quality.

To ensure our students' air quality is safe, the District is taking the following precautions:

- Tomorrow, in all schools, students will remain indoors for gym and recess;
- All classroom windows and office windows in all schools will remain closed;
- School doors are never propped open on any occasion. This means all school doors will,
  of course, be kept closed except when students, staff, or faculty are entering or leaving the
  building;
- Any outdoor field trips scheduled for tomorrow will be rescheduled (RFIS);
- Outdoor air intake will be limited from our HVAC systems to the extent possible; and
- HEPA air filters may be used in areas of our schools.

Monitor local air quality reports to stay informed about smoke levels in our area. For more information on ground-level ozone and fine particles, visit <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/dep/">http://www.state.nj.us/dep/</a> As always, the district prioritizes our students' health and takes preventative measures when necessary.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kari McGann
Superintendent of Schools