1. Notice Regarding Remote Instruction

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak that has necessitated the closing of all public and private schools, as well as the implementation of a “Stay at Home” decree issued by Governor Murphy, the District will be providing a modified instructional program to students to enable them to continue their education through various means. As a result of technology, the District, on an interim and limited basis, is able to provide remote, internet-based individual and small group instruction through the District’s computer network (the “Remote Program” or “Program”). The Remote Program has been established by the District’s Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Board Policy 2361 – ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORKS/COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES, a copy of which can be found on the district website. Use of the District’s computer network and other technology is governed by this Policy.

2. Privacy, Security, and Confidentiality

Although the Watchung Borough School District has implemented reasonable technical safeguards, the District cannot and does not guarantee absolutely the privacy, security or confidentiality of any communication sent or received over the Internet. There is a potential that emails, video, or other information, sent or received over the Internet can be intercepted, altered, forwarded, and / or read by others. The District is not responsible for communication that is lost due to technical failure during composition, transmission, or storage. In accordance with applicable laws, the District will not forward any student’s personally identifiable information for any commercial purposes, or send any emails to independent third parties without your prior written consent, except as authorized or required by law. The District may be recording the “live” educational sessions and posting them on the Google Classroom, which is accessible to the students and parents in the class, the teacher, and the principal. If you are not comfortable with having your child participate in the "live" educational session through video, you may consider having your child participate through the audio option only. You may also consider turning off the camera on the device and/or placing either a piece of tape or a post-it over the camera. If any of this is a concern to you, you should contact your school building’s principal.

3. Continuing Informed Consent

Pursuant to the above Policy, as your child’s parent/caregiver, you previously provided the District with a signed Consent Form for the 2019-20 school year giving your child/children permission to use all of the technological resources available to them at the Watchung Borough School District. This Notice clarifies that the District’s Remote Program is covered within the terms of that consent. Your child/children’s participation will be governed by the above described Board Policy.

4. Agreement Not to Record

In order to protect student confidentiality as required by State and Federal laws and regulations, you agree not to make any audio and/or video recording(s) of the Program, including any digital capturing of any audio or video output of any of the remote instruction provided through the Program. Additionally,
you agree not to permit any of your children or other household member(s) make any such recording(s) or digital capture of any of the remote instruction provided through the Program, without the express written permission of the District's Superintendent. Again, the District may be recording the “live” educational sessions and posting them on the Google Classroom, which is accessible to the students and parents in the class, the teacher, and the principal. If you are not comfortable with having your child participate in the "live" educational session through video, you may consider having your child participate through the audio option only. You may also consider turning off the camera on the device and/or placing either a piece of tape or a post-it over the camera. If any of this is a concern to you, you should contact your school building’s principal.