



MIDDLE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are reaching out to you as your child's school counselors. We want you to know that even though our school building is not open, we are here to support your child during this time. We will be reaching out to students via Google Meet, Schoology, Naviance, or email to check in with them periodically and provide needed support. We are also available to talk with students via Google Meet upon request from 10 am to 12 pm. School counseling services may include individual counseling, classroom lessons, and consultation.

Please be aware of the following limitations of virtual counseling (counseling via email, phone, etc.): Counseling is most effective when it includes non-verbal communication such as facial expressions and body language. Virtual counseling doesn't allow for this. Additionally, there can be limitations to a counselor's ability to ensure confidentiality during virtual counseling sessions.

If you or your child are not comfortable with the limitations that accompany virtual counseling, you have the right to decline virtual school counseling services. In order to opt out of virtual counseling services, please reply to this email indicating that you decline services at this time by emailing your child's counselor.

Please reach out to us via email if you need assistance or if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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