



# BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"*

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Dear Bulldog Families,

As you are likely aware, the District recently communicated that a code orange air quality alert was released for our area, which deems the air quality "unhealthy for sensitive groups." Children are considered a "sensitive group." In accordance with recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we cancelled any outdoor activities scheduled for today to ensure the safety, health, and comfort of our students and staff. Since then, the alert was increased to a code red, which is "unhealthy" for all people according to the Air Quality Index.

The [Air Quality Index](#) (AQI) is the EPA's index for reporting air quality. The AQI gives a value to the concentration of pollutants in the air ranging from 0-500. Values are organized into ranges and assigned a color with a coordinating level of concern and description of the air quality. According to this information, the CDC developed "[Air Quality and Activity Guidance for School](#)" to provide us with recommendations on how to safely proceed with outdoor activities, if at all. Additional guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health on actions to protect your health during poor air quality days can be found [here](#).

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is forecasting a code orange for tomorrow, June 8th. You can monitor this information [here](#). As a result, we are planning to move any outdoor activities inside or reschedule them. Specifically tomorrow, June 8, only 7<sup>th</sup> grade students were to be outside for their class activities. Those activities as well as activities for the entire school have been moved indoors.

We will continue to monitor the situation and the AQI, and we will evaluate whether or not it is appropriate for our students and staff to have outdoor activities on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Bulldog staff as well as District administration, I want to thank you for your support and understanding, as we are doing our best to manage this unprecedented situation and to keep our students and staff happy and healthy. I can assure you that everyone is working very hard to give our children the best end-of-the-year experiences and events possible.

Most respectfully,



Mike D'Ostilio