



Egg Harbor Township Schools

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To Our Egg Harbor Township School Community:

We have collaborated all weekend with local and state officials as we monitored the COVID-19 situation. Over the weekend, several districts in Atlantic County and entire counties throughout the State have made the decision to close schools. The Governor on March 13th indicated that closing schools statewide is imminent.

On Saturday March 14th, most Atlantic County Superintendents, along with the Director of the Atlantic County Department of Health and the Atlantic County Executive Superintendent, participated in a conference call. We discussed closures and also reviewed information provided by the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health. We were advised at that time that there are currently no positive cases of COVID-19 in Atlantic County. In addition, most Atlantic County Superintendents and the Atlantic County Executive Superintendent participated in another conference call on Sunday March 15, 2020 to collectively discuss each District's closure plan. In an abundance of caution we will be closing on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. We did not make this decision lightly as this type of closure places tremendous hardships on families.

On Monday, March 16, 2020, our schools will be open for students to receive instructions for online learning from their respective teacher, paper packet review, information about communicating with teachers while closed and for students to retrieve their books and personal belongings they may have left at school over the weekend. Any student who is absent on March 16 and needs to retrieve their books, personal belongings, or instructional packets may pick up these items at their school up until 6 pm on Monday. TALONS and ASPIRE will adhere to their normal schedules on Monday.

Beginning Tuesday, March 17, the school district will be closed and home instruction will begin. As previously stated, all instructional material will be

available online via Google Classroom and Moby Max with the exception of PK and Kindergarten, where students will receive instructional packets. In addition, if you do not have access to technology please notify the building principal who will arrange packets for your students. The most efficient means of contacting a staff member will be through email while schools are closed. Please continue to monitor our District webpage for additional updates and information on home instruction.

It is anticipated that we will continue this plan up to March 31, at which time we will review data and the current COVID-19 updates for schools and make a decision about returning to school or extending the closure.

Specifics regarding breakfast/lunch pick up will also be provided via phone message for families that qualify for free/reduced meals.

The health, safety, and welfare of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to us. While this is a time like no other, this is the time to work together, care for yourself, be kind to others, and be #EHTStrong. Please continue to monitor our district website for relevant information during school closures.

Additionally, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Gruccio EdD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kimberly A. Gruccio EdD

Superintendent