



Egg Harbor Township Schools

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Egg Harbor Township School Community,

As you may already know, Governor Murphy announced that schools are closed for in-person instruction in New Jersey School buildings for the remainder of the academic school year (6/30/20); this includes all athletic competitions, extracurriculars and school events. Although this is not the news that we wanted, we are moving forward to ensure our students feel engaged in school despite not being in our buildings. Our staff will continue to provide relevant and creative educational opportunities for our students through Virtual Teaching and Learning. Recognizing that school includes extracurricular interests as part of a comprehensive education, I have encouraged coaches and advisors to keep actively involved with our kids. While our buildings may be closed, the livelihood of schooling will be kept alive. I am counting on my staff, as well as students and parents, to continue working creatively and collaboratively to make this happen with **Every Hand Together!** I certainly realize and will never underestimate, the tremendous sacrifices many of you have endured as our schools are closed.

We are **#EHTStrong**. It is not a time to panic, let's take a moment to breathe and focus on the next steps of this journey. We know that in the upcoming days and weeks, we will be planning and implementing end of year activities. These celebrations may look different than we are used to but I want to assure everyone we will celebrate our students. Additional information will be provided as our plans are finalized. We will also be working with our Facilities Department planning for strategic re-entry into the buildings for retrieval of needed items. Please be patient and wait to hear from us for specific directions.

Now, more than ever, the Egg Harbor Township School District will join together to **Embrace - Engage - and Educate!!!** We are committed to making sure that our students' needs are met. If your child is in need of a chrome book, internet service, food service, or a social/emotional support please call 609-646-7911 x 1001. We are well aware that the news of school buildings being closed for the remainder of the school year could upset some students and perhaps have students suddenly alienate learning. We certainly do not want this to happen; therefore, I want you to know that our school district has support systems in place to assist with keeping students on a positive track of learning. Please do not hesitate to call or email your child's principal for information.

Moving forward to June 18th, our last day of school, I want to be sure that your child is having face-to-face virtual interactions with teachers and that parents can log into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to be in tune with the progress monitoring of student academic achievement. Please know that it is very important for students to submit assignments in order to receive credit for course and grade level work. It is vital that teachers, students and parents are engaged now more than ever. I am very appreciative of everyone's cooperation and understanding during this pandemic. I really look forward to the day when we will all be together again. My job now is to plan for end of the year events and begin to prepare for when we can reopen school buildings. When that time arrives, the School District will be ready to begin the next phase of our journey to provide the best educational programs for our children.

I will continue to communicate with you via social media and phone calls. In the meantime, hang in there, I know it can be difficult at times. Personally, I work to keep myself in-check by thinking positive and appreciating our wonderful teachers, staff, parents, and students. Together we all do amazing things in EHT - I am forever grateful to be a part of this excellence that gives us our **#EHTPride!**

Let's stay **#EHTStrong** and not hesitate to lean on one another to get through this tough time **together!**

Be Well!

Respectfully,

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Superintendent