



MULLICA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Mullica Schools Community Members,

Earlier this week, teachers and support staff began preparations for home instruction (remote learning) in the event of a health related school closure. The NJDOE encouraged us to make use of our technological tools to provide meaningful “virtual” instruction to students at all grade levels, including those students who require special learning accommodations.

I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of all district employees, but especially our teaching staff members who went above and beyond the call of duty to prepare for a potential health related school closure. Over the last 24 hours, the news was filled with districts scheduling abbreviated days and closings in an effort to prepare for a potential closure. We did not need to do so because of our proactive efforts!

Today, students were provided with the necessary virtual learning materials for an extended closure. At the elementary level, students were provided with a labeled envelope containing enough work for 10 school days. At the middle school level, students were given directions on how to access work using their district provided Chromebook. Hard copies were provided for students who do not have internet access at home. Additional virtual instruction work will be provided as necessary and required for an entire school closure period. At this time, virtual learning will only be implemented in the event of a health related closure.

Our food service provider, NutriServe, is prepared to serve meals to students in need, regardless of their situation. Food Service Director, Kyle DiVito, is prepared for a potential school closure and additional directions regarding meal service will be provided in the near future as necessary.

Our manager of facilities, grounds, and custodial services, Rich Giovinazzi has worked relentlessly with his staff to keep our schools clean and healthy. In addition to increased cleaning protocols, all classrooms, common areas, and high traffic zones are disinfected on a nightly basis. In some cases, areas are cleaned on an hourly basis.

As mentioned previously, everyone is encouraged to follow common sense preventative measures to minimize the spread of the flu, COVID 19, and other viruses, including:

- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid contact with others.
- Place used tissues into a wastebasket and then wash your hands.

The entire school community will receive updates as they become available through email and phone messages. I encourage everyone to remain calm and maintain a sense of normalcy. Working together as a team we will get through this unprecedented public health crisis.

Sincerely,

Andrew Weber
Superintendent