DELRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

52 Hartford Rd., Delran NJ, 08075

"dedicated to nurturing a supportive, student-centered environment where all people are treated with dignity and respect"

March 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to offer an update regarding the District response to COVID-19.

School Calendar Status

- The Burlington County Department of Health directed the shutdown of all Burlington County Schools effective March 16, 2020.
- Delran Township Public Schools will have inclement weather days on March 16, March 17 and March 18 in order to transition to our Distant Learning Plan on March 19.
- The Burlington County Board of Health identified April 20 as the return date for all Delran students.

Shutdown Logistics

- During this shutdown all in person instructional activity is cancelled in lieu of our Distance Learning Plan.
- During this shutdown the facilities are closed except for essential personnel.

Material Pick Up

If your child has academic materials in his or her locker or athletic items in his or her gym locker that are <u>necessary</u> to pick up, they are able to pick them up at each school on March 18, 2020 between the hours of 8am and 7pm. Please meet outside the security vestibule at your child's respective school.

Communication Plan

This week you will receive a communication on March 17, 2020 (Distance Learning Plan & Food Distribution Information), March 19, 2020 (Commencement of Distance Learning) and March 20, 2020 (General Update). Thereafter, the District will communicate via School Messenger email with all District parents each Friday by 8:00pm. Emergent messages will be sent at any time.

Distance Learning Plan

On Tuesday March 17, 2020 information regarding the Distance Learning Plan will be communicated out to families via School Messenger email. Your child will follow a Single Session schedule for the duration of the shutdown.

Food Distribution

Delran Township Public Schools will provide food for <u>any</u> students that are in need by providing five day supply packages in a 'grab and go' format. There will be multiple drop points in Delran Township:

- Route 1: Summerhill Hockey Rink
- Route 2: Delran Intermediate School Parking Lot
- Route 3: Delran Middle School Parking Lot
- Route 4: Conrow Road Park and Tenby Town Apartments
- Route 5: Hunters Glen Apartments

Specific schedules and timing information for each stop will be communicated on March 17, 2020 via School Messenger email.

Free Internet Access

Those families that would like free internet access from Comcast please <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

Frequently Asked Questions

When does remote learning start for students? Remote learning will start on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

What is my child's schedule? The Distance Learning Plan will be communicated on Tuesday March 17, 2020.

What are the expectations for my child? Your child is expected to attend school daily, try their best, complete and submit all work. If your child will not attend on a given day, we ask that you call in to report the absence like any other absence.

What is happening on Monday March 16, 2020? Our staff will finalize extended Distance Learning Planning. Students have an inclement weather day and are not to arrive at school.

What is happening on March 17, 2020 and March 18, 2020: Our staff will complete final logistics regardings its Distance Learning Plan. Students have inclement weather days and are not to arrive at school.

I have an IEP meeting scheduled. What should I do? Delran Township Public Schools will conduct Annual reviews or any other IEP meetings via phone. The case manager will contact the parent 24 hours in advance to confirm that they are available to have the meeting on the phone.

My child received guidance counseling, occupational or physical therapy or speech services. What will happen? Related services will be offered. Therapists will provide basic activities to do at home for each related service so that students do not regress. Therapists will create a choice board on Monday for the related service area for distribution to parents. Therapists will hold office hours for any questions from parents.

Preschool home program services will not be offered during a closure. Activities will be provided by the teacher to do at home with the parent and child.

How do I communicate with our school? Email is the best way to communicate.

What about evening events? Although there will be a Board of Education meeting on March 16, 2020 wherein social distancing will be implemented, all other evening events are cancelled until further notice.

What about events like sports and after school activities? District facilities are closed to all events.

What is the district doing to clean the facilities? Our schools were deep cleaned and disinfected on March 14, 2020.

As we navigate into unchartered territory I write to underscore safe and health protocols and, above all, that the District will remain loyal partners with you. It's the Delran Way!

Sincerely,

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Brian Brotschul, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools