

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"

May 7, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to offer you an update regarding the state of the District as it relates to the continued closure of all schools in New Jersey and its impact on Delran Township Public Schools.

School Closure Information

Governor Murphy has continued the school closure in connection to COVID-19 through June 30, 2020. Simply stated, there is nothing more heart wrenching than knowing that our students, teachers, administrators and support staff will not be given the ability to reunite this year; nor will they have the ability to have closure to the year. While we understand the necessity of the continued closure of schools, nevertheless it feels devastating.

While we feel terrible for each of the 3,000 students in the District, there are no words that can describe how we collectively feel about the Class of 2020.

Phase III of Remote Instruction

The District will continue to implement its remote instruction plan without modification. On May 15, 2020 I will provide specific details regarding all components of the remaining days of the school year and the corresponding closeout. I understand you have questions; we will forward guidance that provides direction in a multitude of areas connected to the end of the year and all summer programming in both District communication and from your child's school.

8th Grade and 12th Grade Information

High School Graduation and Prom Dates

Below are the dates and contingency dates for the high school graduation and prom:

- Primary Graduation Date: June 19, 2020 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School
Time: 7:00 pm
 - Backup Graduation Date #1: July 24, 2020 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School
Time: 7:00 pm
 - Backup Graduation Date #2: July 31, 2020 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School
Time: 7:00 pm
 - Backup Graduation Date #3: May 27, 2021 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School
Time: 7:00 pm
- Primary Prom Date: May 29, 2020 Location: Lucien's Manor – 81 West White Horse Pike – Berlin, NJ 08009 Time: 7:00 pm

- Backup Prom Date #1: July 23, 2020 Location: Lucien's Manor – 81 West White Horse Pike – Berlin, NJ 08009 Time: 7:00 pm
- Backup Prom Date #2: July 30, 2020 Location: Lucien's Manor – 81 West White Horse Pike – Berlin, NJ 08009 Time: 7:00 pm

8th Grade Events

Due to the COVID-19 shutdown, and pending guidance from the Governor and Department of Health, the 8th grade students will have a combined promotion ceremony with a newly started tradition of an inaugural *Convocation* at Delran High School to memorialize the beginning of their high school career. *Convocation 2020* will take place on August 26, 2020 at 6:00pm Delran High School at Joseph Chinnici Stadium at 6:00pm.

At that ceremony all students will be granted with certificates of completion from Ms. Luyber and Delran Middle School as we officially hand over the incoming Class of 2024 to Mr. Finkle and Delran High School. Special award winners will be announced in June in a digital tribute to the Delran Middle School Class of 2020, with physical receipt given at *Convocation 2020*.

The annual 8th grade trip and dance will not be rescheduled nor will they take place, unfortunately.

Food Delivery

The District continues to distribute food to residents in Delran Township. Below is the distribution information:

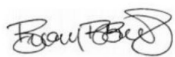
- Dates: Every Wednesday
- Locations: Hunters Glen; Delran Middle School; Delran High School
- Time: 11:00am

2019 Spring Science Scores

In the spring of 2019, students in grades 5, 8 and 11 participated in the first year of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-Science). It provides information to parents, educators, school districts and the New Jersey Department of Education information about how students are performing on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science (NJSLA-Science). An Individual Student Report (ISR) for your child will be mailed home shortly which explains how your child performed on this assessment. Please contact your child's building principal if you have any questions once you receive the report.

As we transition into Phase III of our remote instruction plan, it is important to reinforce that the District still functions and we are all collectively here to serve families. Please reach out to us at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Brian Brotschul, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools