

April 16, 2020

Dear Mount Laurel School Families and Staff,

Today, during his latest update on the coronavirus, Governor Murphy announced schools will remain closed through May 15, 2020. At that time, Governor Murphy will provide another update on the status of our school closure.

What does this mean for our schools, your children, and our staff?

Online Learning Continues

It means on Monday, April 20, we will return from Spring Break to our daily virtual live online learning schedules. We are also in the process of working on ways to provide additional learning opportunities, supports and activities for your children as our school closure continues.

Executive Order Protects Internet Connectivity

Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order which prohibits cable and telecommunications providers from terminating internet and voice service due to nonpayment until 30 days after the current public health emergency has ended.

Also, any residential internet or voice service that was disconnected after March 16 due to nonpayment must be reconnected at no cost to the resident, including where the disconnection was for unpaid bills incurred prior to March 16.

IMPORTANT: In the event you are having difficulty connecting to online learning or obtaining internet connectivity, please inform your school principal and we will work together to help you.

Food Distribution

For all eligible families, food distribution will continue on Monday, April 20, according to our current schedule and remain in effect throughout the closure.

Third Marking Period Report Cards

Third Marking Period Report Cards will be disseminated electronically on Tuesday, April 21, according to schedule. You will receive a communication tomorrow about how to access them.

District and School Hours

As previously noted our current virtual schedule will remain in effect. All schools are operating on a 8AM to 3PM virtual schedule, phone calls, and emails are answered by office staff and our support staff when received.

Our administration buildings, while minimally staffed, remain closed to the public. Please email or call us if you have any business that must be addressed.

Technology Support

On site technology support will remain in effect for students and staff and as previously noted must be requested through our Help Desk System.. Any parent experiencing technology issues must report it to your child's teacher who will then put a help desk request in on your behalf.

Again, the Mount Laurel community is amazing! I know this is difficult for both our staff and school families, but we have come together to work in partnership and we will get through this together.

The most important lesson we can show our children is how a community can come together to overcome adversity and if we can accomplish that, it will certainly be a lesson that will last them a lifetime.

I wish you continued health, safety, and well-being for you and your family.

Dr. George J. Rafferty
Superintendent of Schools