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Dear Parents,

This afternoon Governor Murphy issued an Executive Order implementing statewide restrictions in response to the Coronavirus to be effective immediately. You already know that all Burlington County schools are closed. However, Governor Murphy has now ordered:

“All public, private, and parochial preschool program premises, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, shall be closed to students beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.”

Our staff has been hard at work today planning and preparing as well as assisting many of you with picking up your child's technology and school materials. They have done a tremendous job and many of you have shared your outpouring of appreciation and gratitude for the dedication they have all shown on behalf of your children! I, like you, am immensely proud of all their efforts.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 is another day! It will be the last day prior to the launching of our online home instructional services to your children to take effect on Wednesday, March 18th.

All parents still have the opportunity to pick up your child's Chromebook and learning materials at school tomorrow according to the following hours:

Elementary Schools - 9 AM to 12 noon; 1 PM to 3 PM, and from 5 PM to 7 PM

Hartford School – 8 AM to 3 PM; 5 PM to 7 PM

Harrington Middle School – 8 AM to 12 PM; 1 PM to 3 PM and 5 PM to 7 PM

Kindergarten parents you may also pick up your child's materials tomorrow according to the times listed above. If you completed our survey and indicated the need to borrow technology it will be provided to you when you pick up your child's materials tomorrow.

Finally once our planning is complete your Principal will be sending you a schedule for your child's daily instructional program and resources and supports available to you and your child during the closure.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school directly.

Also, please see the attached special instructions for any parent that may not be receiving text messages (SMS) through our communications system.

Sincerely,

George J. Rafferty, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment:

School Messenger Text Messages and Contact Information Changes:

A number of parents have advised that they are not receiving text messages during the current emergency. It will be essential for us to remain in contact during the coming weeks.

If your phone number or e-mail address has changed, please let us know at the link below. If you have not opted-in to the School Messenger system, we are prohibited from sending you text messages due to FCC Regulations.

To opt-in to text messages from us, simply text opt-in to **68453** from the cell phone you want to receive the messages. (If you have already opted-in at some point, you'll receive a message indicating that you are already in the system. If not, you'll receive confirmation of your opt-in by reply.)

[Use this link to make changes in phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses](#)