

Good morning parents and guardians,

I hope all is well with you and your families! Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during these trying times. I am writing to provide you with an update.

As you may have already heard, Governor Murphy said this week during one of his press conferences that schools will remain closed indefinitely. Therefore, we will continue our distance learning processes for next week (March 30-April 3). The following week is our spring recess (April 6-10) which we will take as planned. I hope that we will receive more definitive guidance in terms of when and if schools will reopen during the next two weeks and I will communicate that information to you when it becomes available. In the meantime, you should continue to plan as though we will continue distance learning after April 12th and be pleasantly surprised if we are back in our buildings earlier. Please understand that this situation is fluid and we can receive different information and guidance at any time.

The New Jersey Department of Education announced this week that all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window are cancelled. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), Access for ELL's and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment. Cancellation of the statewide assessments will not prevent students from meeting their graduation assessment requirements.

Again, I thank each of you for everything you are doing to support your child during this distance learning experience. I know that this can be even more challenging and stressful when you have to balance your own work with the needs of your family. We will get through this together!

With Bear Pride,

Dr. Christopher Tully

Superintendent of Schools