



March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Out of an abundance of caution and for the health and welfare of our students, staff and families, the Township of Ocean School District will be closing effective Monday, March 16 for an initial period of two weeks through March 27. During this period all athletic and co-curricular activities are canceled.

Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 will be considered emergency days, like a snow day. The district's Home Instruction/Remote Learning plan will go into effect on Wednesday, March 18. We have been informed by county education officials that our home instruction/remote days will count toward our statutory 180-day requirement.

Our faculty has worked diligently to prepare lessons that will provide for the advancement of learning through this period. I thank them for their dedication to the students.

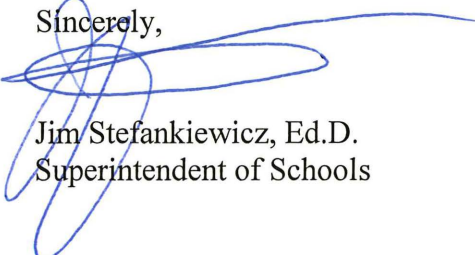
Our district's Home Instruction/Remote Learning Plan is attached and is posted on our website. Elementary parents should pay particular attention to Chromebook distribution instructions. In addition, the district will continue to provide daily breakfast and lunch for students at designated locations and times. Please refer to the district plan for details.

What is happening right now is unprecedented in education. We have worked hard to prepare a plan that will meet the needs of all students. However, it is critical that we all remain patient and flexible during this time. There will be bumps in the road. To address those bumps, staff members will be available throughout the period to assist students and parents in navigating any challenges they face.

The health of our students, staff and families is paramount. We encourage you to heed recommendations from the CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health regarding proper hygiene, travel and social distancing. We all have a responsibility to our fellow citizens to look out for and protect each other.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Please stay well and we look forward to our eventual return.

Sincerely,



Jim Stefankiewicz, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools