



Livingston PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Livingston Public Schools Community,

On Thursday, March 12th we announced that our school facilities would be closed for two weeks beginning March 16th, and we would move to remote learning for that period of time. Subsequently, Governor Murphy announced that all school facilities in New Jersey would be closed until further notice. Although our initial hope was that we would be able to return to our schools after two weeks, the decision as to whether or not to reopen our facilities is no longer in our control. Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education have left the timeline open-ended for the reopening of school facilities across the State. In his press conference today, the Governor indicated that we should expect to be learning remotely for a significant period of time.

Based on the current circumstances, we are now planning to continue remote learning into next week, March 30th - April 3rd. The following week, April 6th - April 10th is our scheduled spring break week, and we will take a collective break as planned. That week will provide our educators with a chance to reset and to prepare for a more extended period of remote learning. In order to engage our students during that week, we are currently working to create a website that will serve as a clearinghouse for educational and non-educational enrichment and enjoyment activities for our students. A website with these resources will be launched on Friday, April 3rd. Assuming our facilities are still not open, we will return to our daily remote learning schedule on Monday, April 13th.

We are monitoring the situation each day. The health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and community members remains our first priority. I continue to be impressed by the determination, creativity, and resilience of our staff, students, families, and community. If we remain dedicated to following social distancing guidance, our hope is that we will be back together at some point soon. We appreciate everyone's continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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