



Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Day Orange Township Public School District Community,

I hope this letter finds you all well. As you are aware and shared on May 4th school buildings will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. I want to thank each of our families as well as staff for giving it their all during the distance learning initiative established by the New Jersey Department of Education and implemented by the Orange Township Public School District.

Please be advised that summer programs will be launched virtually this year. On the website (www.orange.k12.nj.us) under latest news and announcements, you will see the links available for your view. There are registration icons available for you to use to register your child accordingly. We want to ensure that students have the opportunity to engage with their teachers in an academic space to prepare for SY 2020-2021. Always know, our social emotional supports will continue throughout the summer. We will continually provide support as we know that there has been a lot of loss for many of us. Lean on us, because we are here for one another.

The SY 19-20 calendar had three emergency days evident when approved by the Board of Education in March of 2019. As a district, we used two of those days on March 11th and May 22nd. We will use the last emergency day on Thursday, June 25th. This means that the last day of school for students and 10 month employees will be on Wednesday, June 24th. All 11 and 12 month employees will return to work on Friday, June 26, 2020. We have revised the report card distribution date to reflect June 24th at 12:30 PM. The report card distribution will take place electronically.

We will continue to keep you abreast through our communication platforms via the district website as well as our social media handles regarding any academic or operational updates.

For further supports, please be reminded that we created an email address distancelearningquestions@orange.k12.nj.us for questions or concerns during this pandemic period as it relates to instructional or technology concerns. If there are also concerns regarding mental or self-care supports, you can also email us. We will need your child's school, teacher's name, as well as your contact information. Always remember, you should always contact your child's teacher and/or principal as the first line of support.

It is encouraged that you continue to visit our district COVID-19 Resources Tab on the district website www.orange.k12.nj.us for additional resources for families on mental health as well as updates on self-care for students, families, and staff. We have posted instructional supports within the COVID-19 Resource Tab for your assistance. As you are aware, we update our COVID-19 Resource Tab weekly in the effort of providing further supports for our school community.

Again, thank you for your continued flexibility and cooperation during this unprecedented time. We are in this together.

Educationally yours,

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