



Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Day Orange Township Public School District Community,

I hope this letter finds you all well. With that being said, on April 17, 2020, I shared with you that New Jersey Governor Murphy and Commissioner of Education Dr. Repollet would provide an update regarding the continuation of distance learning or the re-opening of school buildings on or before May 15, 2020. This communication is to share the most up to date information as communicated this afternoon from Trenton.

On Monday, May 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy ordered the closure of all NJ schools through the end of SY 2019-2020. This evening, a phone blast to families and staff will go out sharing this important information. In addition, we have posted an article from NJ.COM under the district news and announcements indicating school building closure but the continuation of distance learning through the end of the school year.

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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