



Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Evening Families and Staff,

The continued health, safety, and well-being of our school community are the top priorities of the Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff within the Orange Township Public School District.

We recognize that a continued closure may be disruptive for families, and it is not something that we take lightly. Still, we have a collective responsibility to address this public health challenge. We have decided to continue our Orange Township Public School District emergency closure plan. During the emergency closure plan, distant learning as implemented on Tuesday, March 17, through the present, will continue through April 3, 2020. Students must continue to engage with their teachers via the platforms presented, such as Zoom, Class Dojo, Remind, and Google Classroom, to name a few. I want to thank our students and families for being a part of our "new normal."

Parents are reminded to check in with the parent portal to review student progress. All District schools and offices will continue to be closed through April 3, 2020; however, our instructional and social-emotional programming will continue through the distance learning initiative. A decision about the Week of April 6 will be forthcoming, as we know the importance of planning and preparation for our families and staff.

Please be reminded that we have breakfast and lunch grab and go at 11 District locations except for the STEM Innovation Academy of the Orange and the Cleveland Street School (Swing Space at Our Lady of the Valley). Breakfast begins at 7:30 AM and concludes at 9:30 AM. We will serve one student at a time as we must practice social distancing procedures.

I want to thank all families and staff for their continued cooperation and support of the Orange Township Public School District. Again, we are in this together.

Dr. Fitzhugh
Superintendent of Schools