



Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Day Orange Public School District Community,

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. I want to take this moment to thank all of our stakeholders during these times. Your support and resilience is unparalleled.

We recognize that closure may be disruptive for families, and it is not something that we take lightly, but per the Executive Order by the Governor of New Jersey, we must continue to **enact our Orange Township Public School District emergency closure plan. Schools buildings and the district office will remain closed through April 17, 2020. Though the buildings are closed, the instructional program will continue virtually.**

It is important to note the following schedule as sent out on Friday and was posted on our social media handles:

- **The Week of March 30th (Distance Learning will continue)**
- **The Week of April 6th (Distance Learning will continue through Thursday, April 9th)**
- **Friday, April 10th, Good Friday Observance (Distance Learning will not be in effect)**
- **Monday, April 13th through Friday, April 17th Spring Break Recess (Distance Learning will not be in effect)**

We will inform all families and staff regarding any updates as to the continuation of our emergency health related closure in a timely fashion. We are aware of the importance of planning and preparation from all avenues and will ensure that information is given to you as soon as we receive it.

It is important for parents and students accessing our various virtual learning sites across schools, teachers, grade levels, departments, and content areas to have consistency in the process. The process for navigating to a teacher's emergency Extended Learning Resources page (for at-home instruction) is as follows:

Visit the school website -- Faculty -- (select the teacher) – Extended Learning tab (or content is located directly on teacher's homepage).

We will continue to evaluate this unique situation and provide updates to the community via email, phone blasts, the district website, and social media platforms. I encourage you to follow the Orange Public School District on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram or visit the website at www.orange.k12.nj.us.

During this time, the Orange Township Public School District will continue to provide packaged 'Grab-and-Go' breakfast and lunch. The updated locations as of Monday, March 30, 2020 are as follows:

- OECC (includes students from Cleveland Street School), located 397 Park Avenue
- Scholars Academy, located at 268 Capuchin Way
- Forest Street School, located 651 Forest Street
- Heywood Avenue School, located at 421 Heywood Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue
- Oakwood Avenue School, located at 135 Oakwood Avenue
- Park Avenue School, located at 231 Park Avenue
- Rosa Parks Community School, located at 369 Main Street

It is important to note as shared in the phone blast over the weekend, that students can report to any of the locations mentioned above to pick up their breakfast and lunch. We want to ensure that students do not have to travel far to grab a great meal to eat.

We are committed to working with all of our families and staff members within the school district. As mentioned throughout this process, days in which students impacted by a public health-related closure have access to home instruction services, consistent with the guidance provided by the State, will count as a school day in in compliance with the 180-day requirement and in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-9.

I want to thank you for your continued support of the Orange Township Public School District. Again, we are committed to the health and safety of all stakeholders that enter our doors. The most current information as it relates to the Coronavirus as well as preventative measures is posted on the district website, www.orange.k12.nj.us, on the COVID-19 Resource Page. We will continue to update the district website accordingly as more information becomes readily available.

Educationally yours,

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