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Superintendent of Schools

March 16, 2020

Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Community:

The top priority of Elizabeth Public Schools continues to be the health of our students and team members and creating safe, caring learning environments. Public health officials continue to advise that social distancing is the most effective strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Although we still do not have any presumed cases of COVID-19 in our district, I believe being proactive in this situation is important. Our top priority is the health and safety of the Elizabeth Public Schools students and team members, and I believe that the decision to close the District is in direct alignment with this responsibility.

All Elizabeth Public Schools facilities will be closed following dismissal on Monday, March 16, 2020 until further notice. All field trips, school events, and activities, including Saturday programs, are also canceled, effective immediately. We will evaluate the situation each week and, if necessary, extend our remote learning program.

On Friday, March 13, our team members distributed instructional packets for students in grades PK – 2 and laptops to students in grades 3-8 and 9-12 to help our families. We know that a prolonged period of school closure can cause significant challenges for families and students. Please become familiar with the resources below. Please note that if you have any questions, please reach out via email to your child's teacher and/or principal. **All teachers will be available online from 9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. and 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.**

### Resources

#### Website

- All necessary information can be found on our website ([www.epsnj.org](http://www.epsnj.org)). Click on the link for [E-Remote Learning](#) on any of our webpages. Our website also includes links to non-school resources that you may need during this time. We recommend reading through this page so that you are prepared.

#### Daily Classwork

- We need your help. Each student in grades 3-8 and 9-12 must login daily using their district username and password to complete their assignments.
- We ask that you do this every day no later than 9:00 a.m., starting Tuesday, March 17.
- If your child is unable to login independently, we ask that a parent/guardian assist their child with the login.

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## E-Remote Learning Plan

- E-Remote Learning platform will officially open at noon on Monday, March 16, 2020.
- District email and passwords are included in this communication in case students need support.
- Resources
  - PowerSchool Directions can be found [here](#).
  - Login to Outlook mail [here](#), using your child’s district email and password.
  - Powerschool Unified Classroom. Student will need to login to Microsoft using student email and password.
    - [How to Access Powerschool Unified Classroom](#)
    - [Powerschool Unified Classroom Help and Support](#)
  - Free Internet provided by Altice/Cablevision. Please select “optimumwifi-emergency” as your WIFI connection. It will work on any device that has been provided by the Elizabeth School district.
  - For General Help - Communicate with your classroom teacher.
  - For Technology Help, please email: [HelpDesk@epsnj.org](mailto:HelpDesk@epsnj.org)

Please remember that all district activities have been canceled until further notice. All communications with our team members and parents will be through our online platform. District phones will not be used; please do not call your schools.

Families eligible for Free and Reduced breakfast and lunch will be notified with regard to our meal program.

We know that students may be struggling with this situation. Please refer to our [wellness page](#) for community resources, including specific resources on how to talk to your children regarding this situation. All guidance counselors, social workers and Case Managers will be available online from 9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. and 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.

We appreciate your support and understanding of this decision. We will continue to maintain regular communication with our local, regional, and state public health officials and our Elizabeth Public Schools school community during the school closure. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

Sincerely,



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