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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope each of you are doing well while continuing to be healthy, safe, and positive. On behalf of the Elizabeth Public Schools, thank you to all who have been on the frontlines caring for members of our community who are sick or completing work identified as essential.

Many of you may already be aware that Governor Phil Murphy announced this afternoon that New Jersey schools will be closed for in-person learning for the remainder of the school year “to protect the health of our children, our educators, and their families.” As a result, we will continue offering E-Remote Learning services for our students through June 15, 2020.

We are now also able to move forward and make logistical decisions related to many year-end activities and issues, many of which will be communicated within the next few weeks.

Make no mistake, this is a sad day for educators throughout New Jersey and especially here at Elizabeth Public Schools. We miss seeing your children and the energy they bring to our lives each school day that makes teaching and learning thrive. The interaction among students and team members within our school communities enrich and extend learning far beyond the facts and knowledge learned from textbooks and other educational resources. Although it is not perfect, we are hopeful that the tools being used during remote learning activities are helping our students remain connected to their teachers and their peers.

During these last several weeks of school, we will continue to be here for you to help your children receive the best education possible while navigating these unprecedented challenges.

Stay strong and be well.

Sincerely,

Olga Hugelmeyer

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