

Olga Hugelmeyer Superintendent of Schools

March 13, 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. As you know, we have been proactively preparing to continue delivery of instruction through E-remote learning since the NJDOE indicated in their communication on March 5th that districts should develop school preparedness plans that include the ability to provide home instructional services.

Elizabeth Public Schools continues to operate on its regular daily schedule. As a reminder, on Monday, March 16, schools will be dismissing students at 12:15 p.m. and staff will remain at schools until 3:05 p.m. Saturday programs on March 14 will still take place as scheduled.

Instructional material will be sent home with students this afternoon, Friday, March 13, in the event that a school closure is announced in the near future. For students in grades PK-2, please keep these instructional materials in a safe place at home. For students in grades 3-12, laptops will be sent home this weekend as an opportunity to familiarize yourself with logging into the PowerSchool portal and connecting to WiFi on these devices. For families that stated they do not currently have WiFi connection, the district will provide them with devices that will be able to connect to Altice Optimum WiFi hot spots. Families and students will receive more information on our remote learning program in the E-Remote Learning Student-Parent handbook located on our district website at www.epsnj.org and pre-loaded on your child's laptop. Our program includes supporting families with technology needs as well as maintaining programs and special services.

We appreciate your support and understanding through these challenging circumstances. As we have throughout this process, we will maintain regular communication with our local, regional, and state public health officials and the Elizabeth Public Schools learning community and will keep you informed of any further developments. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

Sincerely. Hugelmerfer

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