

# DELTRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

52 Hartford Rd., Delran NJ, 08075

"dedicated to nurturing a supportive, student-centered environment where all people are treated with dignity and respect"

March 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Below I offer an update to the District response to COVID-19.

## Social Distancing Reminder

It bears reminding - everyone should be exercising social distance and refraining from gatherings. Thank you for all you are doing at home to manage remote learning, and thank you for protecting yourselves, your family members, and our larger community by staying home, practicing social distancing when out, and self-monitoring. It's critical that you continue and even enhance your efforts.

## Length of Closure

The District has received specific guidance from Governor Murphy and the NJDOE regarding school closures. We have been told that a decision to reopen schools will be revisited on April 17, 2020, at the earliest.

Information beyond that will be contingent on orders from the governor and the NJDOE. We continue to follow their guidance and support all efforts to curb this pandemic.

## Spring Recess Calendar

The District will be closed on April 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Google Classroom is our learning platform and will be open for grade 6-grade 12 students to use during spring recess. Teachers will not be updating lessons and are not required to respond to email over spring recess, but class resources will remain available for families to access.

## State of New Jersey COVID-19 Website

[HERE](#) is the State of New Jersey COVID-19 website that hosts up to date information. It serves as a worthwhile visit for residents daily.

## School Facilities and Playgrounds

All school facilities and playgrounds are closed until further notice. This includes all fields, the DHS track and all play areas (**this includes playgrounds at DIS and Millbridge**).

## Pre K-Grade 5 Distance Learning Plan

All students at the Pre K - Grade 5 level have received an instructional packet, inclusive of supplemental packets for students who receive basic skills instruction of English as a Second Language Survey.

The district is currently working to ensure that all students have access to technology in order to provide equitable access to learning opportunities. We are making arrangements in order to be prepared **in the event** that an extended closure at the direction of Governor Murphy comes.

K-5 Technology Survey: **PARENTS PLEASE COMPLETE**

- [Computer/Internet Access](#)
- [Bilgisayar / İnternet Erişimi Anketi](#)
- [Pesquisa de acesso ao computador](#)

Grade 6-Grade 8 Distance Learning Plan

On March 30, 2020, teachers will begin teaching new material. Please note the following:

1. Each teacher will begin to advertise remote office hours. This is where your child can join a Google Meet at a specific time to ask their teacher any clarifying questions. These are optional for students. Please look for this information directly from the classroom teacher. It will also be posted at the top of every teacher's Google Classroom.
  - a. **As parents you need to be mindful that the Board of Education Code of Conduct remains in full force and effect. This includes behavior while on the internet and in office hours/extra help opportunities.**
2. Teachers may begin sending instructional videos for your child to watch before completing assignments. Watching the video is very important as the lesson may contain new content that your child has not learned yet. The video produced by your child's teacher will guide the student through this new content.
3. Both of the above situations described (remote office hours and online videos) require your child to be in a quiet room, if possible, when engaging in these activities. We know how difficult remote learning is and both of these items are being implemented to make learning easier for your child. Please join us in this endeavor by securing a quiet learning space at home.

Grade 9-Grade 12 Distance Learning Plan

On March 30, 2020, our teaching faculty will begin with new material. The teachers will present lessons through a multitude of methods including videos, Screencasts, and other media. Teachers may also make themselves available for "office hours" during the day if your child has any questions about the material. This may be done through Google Meet, which is a video chat room platform.

As it relates to student privacy (if not personal preference), if your child does not wish to be on camera, he/she has the ability to turn it off. Students are also able to mute their microphone and only turn it on if they have a question. Your children are still able to communicate with the teacher through District email and Google Classroom if they so choose. Our Advanced Placement teachers will be holding live sessions due to the deadline that they have for material and the high stakes test that they must prepare for.

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Delran Feeds Implements Changes for April 1, 2020 Food Delivery

The Delran School District's Food Distribution will change locations next week to the following locations.

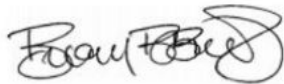
- **Delran High School**-Student drop off lane
- **Delran Middle School**- Front of school nearest the cafeteria
- **Hunter's Glen Apartments**- Clubhouse parking lot

These will be the ONLY three locations for food distribution until further notice. Email and phone blast notifications will go out each week. Food will be available next week on **April 1, 2020 from 11am-12pm**. Please drive if possible to one of the following locations and stay in your car. Staff will bring the food to your car. If you are walking, please keep a six-foot social distance.

Reminders for the weekend

Slow it down and focus on you and your family. We are in this together. Do your best and follow your teachers - *They are taking a break.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Brotschul". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brian Brotschul, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools