

Fair Lawn Public Schools

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Good Afternoon Fair Lawn Community,

As Superintendent, I have made a continuing effort to communicate about the current Coronavirus situation and how it is impacting Fair Lawn. In keeping with that promise, I want to update you on three important items:

Reopening Schools Delayed Until Further Notice:

I know there are questions about how/when schools will be reopening. Opening schools will be solely at the direction of Governor Murphy. In his executive order on March 16, 2020, the Governor closed schools “for at least two weeks but people should expect it to be much longer.” As of today, March 25, 2020, there has been no word of schools reopening and teachers will continue to plan instruction for students in two-week increments until notified otherwise by the Governor’s office.

Based on the executive order of Governor Murphy, Fair Lawn Public Schools will be operating under a health-related closure for the indefinite future. Therefore, home instruction will be ongoing until April 3rd. Spring break will remain as originally scheduled from April 6th until April 10th. If the health-related closure is still in effect, home instruction will resume on April 13th and continue until April 17th. As soon as we have more direction or guidance from the NJDOE and/or Governor Murphy about the reopening of schools, I will communicate that information immediately.

Statewide Assessments:

Given the continued threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to our school communities and the resulting school closures, Governor Phil Murphy announced on March 24, 2020, that the State of New Jersey is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), ACCESS for ELLs, and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment.

Cancellation of statewide assessments will not prevent students from meeting their graduation assessment requirements.

For more detailed information on the cancellation on state assessments, please see that attached memo released by the NJDOE on March 24, 2020.

April Events:

Due to the additional school closures listed in this letter, it saddens me to announce that all extracurricular events, field trips, conferences, Spring Break camps, etc., will be cancelled until April, 30, 2020.

In addition, the entire Spring Semester Community School classes offered will be cancelled and refunds will be provided if payments were made.

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Also, should we return to school during the 2019-2020 school year, before and aftercare will be reinstated at that time.

In conclusion, I will be sending out another correspondence by the end of the week with additional information. Please stay healthy, be mindful of social distancing, and try and remain positive Fair Lawn!

Sincerely,



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