

Fair Lawn Public Schools

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Dear Fair Lawn Community,

As per Governor Murphy's announcement yesterday, April 16, 2020, all public schools are closed statewide until at least, Friday, May 15, 2020. While this is not unexpected, we have been preparing for that extension by updating our distance learning plan. As such, curriculum will continue to be delivered through our *Fair Lawn Distance Learning Plan*; further instructions will be communicated by your child's principal.

As you know, per Governor Murphy's executive orders, all New Jersey schools have been closed since March 16, and on March 24, all state standardized testing was cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. While this has been a tough situation for everyone – an unprecedented one - I want you to know our administrators, principals, teachers and staff have been working tirelessly on your child's behalf to deliver their education online. I think this mode of learning has been effective and well received, and reinforced by our survey results.

In addition, due to the additional school closures listed in this letter, it saddens me to announce that all extracurricular events, field trips, conferences, etc., will be cancelled until May, 31, 2020.

While we hang on to any hope that we may return to school this year so that we can afford our students the traditional end of year celebrations they so deserve, we must be realistic to a possibility of a full school year closure. In anticipation of such news, Fair Lawn administrators have been brainstorming ideas and discussing meaningful alternatives to our traditional end of year celebrations that will honor our students and be remembered for years to come.

Despite the effects of the coronavirus, Fair Lawn Schools remains responsive, committed and dedicated to your child's social and emotional well-being and academic success. May we continue as a community to respond to COVID-19 with generosity, hope and determination.

Please stay healthy Fair Lawn!

Sincerely,



Nicholas J. Norcia, Superintendent of Schools