March 13, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Community:

Today Governor Murphy announced that we are in a public health emergency and a state of emergency based on the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Health. Our New Jersey Department of Health has a recommended 30 day quarantine as a precautionary measure. He encouraged schools to promote social distancing to flatten the curve of impact on spreading.

After detailed consultation with the County Superintendent and the local Burlington County Board of Health about the Coronavirus pandemic, Willingboro Public Schools will transition to remote learning days. During these remote learning days our staff and students will follow the Contingency Plan located on the district website, www.willingboroschools.org. Parents, teachers and students will be able to locate the District’s Educational Contingency Plan for Distance Learning and Expectations. All students, parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate daily with teachers and administrators via email. All trips, outside events, extracurricular activities and athletics are cancelled until further communication specific to reopening schools occurs.

Willingboro Public Schools will be closed on Monday, March 16th until Friday through April 17th. We are tentatively scheduled to open on April 20th for a normal school day. Precautionary cleaning and sterilization will occur daily at individual schools. It is important to note that proactive cleaning is intended to decrease the possibility of transmission of the virus throughout the state and the county. The district will continue to clean and disinfect the school buildings consistent with local, State and Federal recommendations. We will be monitoring this matter on a daily basis and will reevaluate this situation should it worsen or improve. As the pandemic evolves we will adjust our plans accordingly.

Please note that at this time we are not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school community. However, the purpose of closing the school is to ensure staff training and to finalize protocols and procedures for the District’s preparedness for any potential long-term closures, should the need arise or be recommended by local and State agencies in the future.

As the situation in New Jersey regarding COVID-19 is rapidly evolving, any information regarding school closures or adjustments to the instructional schedule will be communicated electronically, through the district website and the Genesis Parent Portal.

Sincerely,

Nadine Tribbett
Acting Superintendent