March 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Through close collaboration with stakeholders and consultation with state government agencies and health officials, our school district has made the difficult decision to enact our Willingboro Public School District Emergency Closure Plan, effective Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 17, 2020. This decision is a precautionary, proactive measure to minimize the potential risk of exposure to COVID-19. The health, safety, and wellbeing of our school community are the top priorities of the Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff within the Willingboro Public School District.

During this closure, all District schools are closed to the public and we will be moving to a distance learning model beginning on Tuesday, March 17 for elementary and secondary schools.

We recognize that closure may be disruptive for families, and it is not something that we take lightly.

In order to ensure seamless access to virtual learning, the Country Club Administration Building will be open on Monday March 16 between 8:00 am through 11:00 a.m. for two groups of parents. Parents of students in Grades Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, K, and Grade 1 with limited household technology who cannot download their children’s work can pick up this work in a hard-copy format. Parents of students in Grades 2-8 with limited household technology in need of a digital device may take out a device on loan.

In addition, every day throughout this closure, the Levitt Intermediate Building will be open between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to provide pre-bagged grab and go brunch meals for students that are qualified. The meals are free and will be distributed in a drive through fashion. No one will be permitted to enter the building. Cars will be directed to form a line. Meals will be picked up and taken home. We ask for your patience with this process as we work together to serve the needs of our children. Our goal is to make sure that all children have access to healthy food during the closure and return nourished and ready to learn.

All field trips, athletics, and school-based activities/events, including parent-teacher conferences, are canceled effective March 16, 2020, until further notice. We will continue to update you regarding the reinstatement of activities. By, Friday, April 17, 2020, a decision will be made to either reopen schools on Monday, April 20, 2020, or continue with the closure plan. We will continue to evaluate this unique situation and provide regular updates to the community via email, phone blasts, the district website.

We ask that all parents read the Comprehensive Contingency Plan, specifically the Student Expectations and the Teacher Expectations tabs. The Tech Help tab has The Parents Guide to How to Use the Google Classroom. The Teacher tab will provide you with your child’s Daily Instructional Schedule.

We are committed to working with all our families within the school district. As reminded, days in which students who are impacted by a public health-related closure have access to home instruction services, consistent with the guidance provided by the State, will count as a school day in compliance with the 180-day requirement and in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-9.
I want to thank you for your continued support of the Willingboro Public School District. Again, we are committed to the health and safety of all stakeholders that enter our doors. The most current information as it relates to the coronavirus as well as preventative measures is posted on the district website on the Live Newsfeed Tab. We will continue to update the district website as more information becomes readily available.

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Acting Superintendent