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Dear Willingboro Parents, Guardians, Staff and Students,

We truly hope that you and your family are well and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families in our district that are struggling with the Coronavirus. Your cooperation with the schools during this health-related school closure is truly appreciated. You have confirmed that we are one district, one community. Together, we can accomplish so many great things for our children, our families, and our town. I ask you to practice social distancing while reaching out to loved ones and neighbors.

On March 13, 2020, I informed you of the joint decision in Burlington County to close schools until April 20th. Since then, the Governor ordered all schools to be closed "indefinitely." New Jersey Commissioner of Education Repollet stated he and the Governor will not assess "the reopening of schools until at least April 17th, 2020, at the earliest," (March 26, 2020, memo to all Chief School Administrators).

As we review how amazingly well our staff and students have accomplished virtual school for these first several weeks, we realize this is not "school" and we look forward to the day when we can all be together again, as we miss each other and our students. The notion of not returning after Spring Break is becoming a reality, thus with empathy and compassion, we are anticipating additional support may be required in order to sustain remote learning for a longer term.

Friday, April 10th through April 17th is our Spring Break as originally scheduled. There will be no meal distribution and no remote instruction. Our educators need it and our students need it. Our students are experiencing new ways to learn and our staff reinvented how they teach, coach and counsel. We are all accomplishing new ways of instructing virtually while having to deal with the pandemic, its effect on our friends and family members and managing our own physical and mental health.

During the break all schools will remain closed to the staff and the public. This necessary mandate will be enforced by the local township police department, to date, Willingboro has the highest number of COVID-19 positive tested cases in Burlington County and the number continues to increase. We are asking that all families continue to practice social distancing during the break to mitigate the spread and protect loved ones. I would like to reiterate that the Federal social distancing restrictions remain at least until April 30th. The State of New Jersey is expected to provide additional guidance on April 17th.

Lastly, we recognize that we are in extraordinary times and under even more extraordinary circumstances. It is in the adverse times that we as a people must unify as one humanity and come together to support our common goal for the preservation of all lives.

On April 20th, our district will welcome Dr. Neely Hackett as our new Superintendent of Willingboro Public Schools. We look forward to her leadership as we are embracing a bold new beginning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nadine Tribbett".

Nadine Tribbett  
Acting Superintendent of Schools