

## Public Schools of Edison Township

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Dear School Community Member,

On behalf of the Board of Education, we welcome everyone back from our Spring Break as our remote learning recommences on Monday, April 13, 2020. It still feels a little awkward that this has become our new normal, as we follow our governmental directives and guidelines to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This being said, I remain impressed at how our district has come together during this time of need to serve our school community best and provide excellent educational programs remotely. It is worthy to note that while working in concert with our food service provider, we have been able to deliver high quality, hot meals for our students with food insecurity during this time of remote learning. We are averaging over 1,000 meals offered daily, even during our Spring Break. We will continue to expand this program and are collaborating with the Edison Township leadership to feed even more families in need in the coming weeks.

While our remote learning program starts again on Monday, April 13, 2020, many questions remain unanswered as we approach the second half of April and enter the fourth marking period of the school year. Questions regarding graduation ceremonies for our high school seniors, spring sports seasons, field trips, proms, project graduation activities, return to school dates, etc., are currently being discussed with our administrative team. At this point, we are working to ascertain appropriate answers to all these questions and will provide them to our school community as soon as practicable. Many of these answers depend on the progression of the spread of the virus, governmental regulations on social distancing, and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), along with other medical professionals. We are conscious of the importance of these events in the lives of our students, but we need to place the safety and wellbeing of our community at the forefront of the decision-making process. As soon as we determine how best to proceed on these issues, it will be shared with our entire school community. For updates on these and all issues, please check our website regularly.

We are appreciative of your continued support during this challenging time, and we remain committed to providing optimal educational programming for the children of our community.

Please stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.

Superintendent of School