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Update on School Closure

Hello Eastern Greene Staff and Families,

I wanted to provide some updated information on our schools since the Governor's executive order to close schools until May 1 and his order to stay at home as much as possible. First, let me provide information on how we will educate our students up until May 1, and possibly beyond. I met with the administrative team on Monday, March 23. We decided to plan for the remainder of the school year, just in case we did not return to school. Here is what the remainder of the school year will look like:

<u>March 23</u> Home Learning	<u>March 24</u> Home Learning	<u>March 25</u> Home Learning	<u>March 26</u> Home Learning	<u>March 27</u> Home Learning
<u>March 30</u> Home Learning	<u>March 31</u> Home Learning	<u>April 1</u> Home Learning	<u>April 2</u> Home Learning	<u>April 3</u> Home Learning
<u>April 6</u> Waiver Day	<u>April 7</u> Home Learning	<u>April 8</u> Home Learning	<u>April 9</u> Home Learning	<u>April 10</u> Waiver Day
<u>April 13</u> Waiver Day	<u>April 14</u> Home Learning	<u>April 15</u> Home Learning	<u>April 16</u> Home Learning	<u>April 17</u> Waiver Day
<u>April 20</u> Waiver Day	<u>April 21</u> Home Learning	<u>April 22</u> Home Learning	<u>April 23</u> Home Learning	<u>April 24</u> Waiver Day
<u>April 27</u> Waiver Day	<u>April 28</u> Home Learning	<u>April 29</u> Home Learning	<u>April 30</u> Home Learning	<u>May 1</u> Waiver Day
<u>May 4</u> Waiver Day	<u>May 5</u> Home Learning	<u>May 6</u> Home Learning	<u>May 7</u> Home Learning	<u>May 8</u> Waiver Day
<u>May 11</u> Waiver Day	<u>May 12</u> Home Learning	<u>May 13</u> Home Learning	<u>May 14</u> Home Learning	<u>May 15</u> Waiver Day
<u>May 18</u> Waiver Day	<u>May 19</u> Home Learning	<u>May 20</u> Home Learning	<u>May 21</u> Home Learning	<u>May 22</u> Waiver Day

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Waiver Days?

The state has given all schools in the state 20 waiver days. This means that we are only accountable for 160 school days instead of 180 days. Waiver days will be considered days that school is not in session. Your students can use this as a day to catch up on work, or if they are caught up, then it is a day off! Teachers will not be assigning work these days. Teachers will not be required to be available on these days, but I'm sure our teachers will still be checking emails and other modes of communication in case there are questions.

What is Home Learning?

On Home Learning days, your student should be working on assignments that teachers have provided. These assignments could be in different forms depending on grade level and internet access at home. Some students will be working on pencil and paper packets. Other students may be doing packets and some online assignments. Some students may be completely online. Teachers have worked with your students to find out what capabilities they have at home and have tried to tailor the at home learning experience around that information. Teachers will be available from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on these days if your students have questions.

Why does this calendar go through the end of the year when the Governor only closed schools through May 1?

We are being proactive just in case we do not return to school this semester. We want staff and parents to know what our plan is for a long-term closure. If we are able to return to school. After May 1, we will return to our normal school procedures and calendar.

What does the Governor's order to stay home mean for the schools?

As of Wednesday, March 25, we will be closing our buildings and only essential staff will be working. Our school buildings will have hours listed where their main entrance will be open for parents who need to pick up work packets for their students. If you need assistance, please call the central office at (812) 825-5722 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Will there still be food service for our students due to the Governor's order to stay home?

Yes! We will still be delivering food. Starting the week of March 30, we will deliver food on Mondays and Thursdays. The food bags will contain enough food for seven days a week.

Will Eastern Greene High School still host Prom and Graduation Ceremonies?

Right now, these activities have been postponed. We will make decisions concerning these activities when we get more information from the state about a possible return to school. We are going to do everything possible to have these wonderful activities. We may have to plan on these activities taking place into the summer months, but we will do everything we can to host these activities. There will be more information about this as we get more guidance from the state.

Will all the work my student is doing at home be counted for credit?

Your student will receive credit for the work they are doing. We encourage parents to verify that the students are completing the work assigned. Right now, we are not planning on picking up the paper packets that the students are completing. Under the circumstances, we believe it is best to not have these packets being transported back to our buildings. We may provide a parent verification sheet in the future. This would allow parents to verify that the work has been completed. Students will be receiving completion grades for a lot of the work, especially at the elementary and middle school level. However, there may be some assignments and assessments that teachers will need to see the outcome of student work. This can be done either online, or through a photo from a phone sent in an email or text. We are going to be flexible during this challenging time.

What is being done for high school students in AP and Dual Credit classes?

We have been in contact with the universities that award dual credit. They have advised us that dual credit can still be awarded as long as we are providing instruction to our students. We have also heard that they may be

developing an AP exam that can be taken at home. We will get more information to you as we are given more guidance.

Will high school school students earn credits and graduate on time?

Students will still earn credit for the work they are doing. Therefore, they will earn credits once the semester is completed. There will not be an issue with students graduating on time as long as they are completing their work at home.

This document may not answer every question you have. Please reach out to your student's teacher or principal if you have more questions. We will answer them the best we can with the information we currently have. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available. Take care and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Trent Provo

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Superintendent