March 10, 2020

Dear CMS Families:

Cape May County Superintendents met recently with our Executive County Superintendent and various other state officials from the Department of Health to discuss COVID-19. Based on these discussions, the following measures have been put in place:

1. If schools are ordered to be closed by the Department of Health, the New Jersey Department of Education **may** waive the 180 school-day requirement provided our District submits a plan for "home instruction" that would occur during the closure.

2. Administration will be working with staff to provide guidance and support for the creation and implementation of such a plan. In order to meet all requirements, the plan must:
     a. Include equitable access to instruction for all students.
     b. Include opportunities for special education and related services.
     c. Include provisions for providing school nutrition benefits or services for eligible students.

3. ALL field trips have been cancelled and are unlikely to be rescheduled.

4. ALL assemblies, dances, concerts, performances, evening events, and sporting events will remain as scheduled.

5. ALL Child Study Team Meetings will be a phone conference until further notice.

6. The custodial staff has received updated plans and directives regarding school cleanliness and disinfection protocols that will be followed on a daily basis and weekends.

While the next few months will be filled with uncertainty and apprehension, please know that I will do my best to keep you informed throughout the process. Most importantly, the health, safety and the well-being of our staff and students remain my top priorities. Every decision moving forward will have this commitment at its core. I thank you in advance for your continued understanding and support.

Thank you,

David Del Conte Jr.
Superintendent
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