

## Farmingdale Public School

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Dear Farmingdale Families,

This letter is being sent to update our school community on the status of our remote learning initiative. However, I would first like to commend our students, parents, and staff on their amazing efforts over the past two weeks. Thanks to all for your support as we navigate a new learning system and support our goal of attaining a quality education, under extremely challenging circumstances.

At this time, and under Governor Murphy's directive, we announce that Farmingdale School will continue remote learning past the initial expected end date of March 27. We do not have an estimated date of when our school building will be reopening for students, but the Governor said today that his team will not revisit the issue of school closures until at least April 17. For Farmingdale, this means daily remote learning will continue until at least Thursday, April 9. We will honor our original Spring Break dates of April 10 through April 19, during which time remote learning will be suspended, as will the distribution of free & reduced-price lunches. All learning and lunch services will resume on Monday, April 20, but a determination as to whether school will be physically or remotely in session cannot be made as of yet. In addition, all extra-curricular and after school activities are canceled until further notice. Further communication will be provided as we monitor the guidance we receive from the Governor and local health officials.

I would also like to share that we have set up a hotline to support students and families during this unprecedented time. If you are feeling stressed or overwhelmed related to remote learning, please leave a message on the school voicemail 732-938-9611 and the appropriate person will return your call. You may also reach out via email to our school counselor (katelyn.roman@farmingdaleschool.com) or check her website for resources regarding state and local counseling services offered for your student and family at this time of uncertainty.

Stay strong, Farmingdale. Your dedication is noticed and appreciated. As always, please know that our staff is available to assist you with any challenges you may encounter.

In education, Edith Conroy