



Upper Township School District

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Dear Families:

In an abundance of caution and until such a time as we can reasonably deem the current health situation manageable, the Upper Township School District will **remain closed until at least April 17, 2020** (with the possibility of remaining closed beyond Spring Break).

In anticipation of this extended closure, the following protocols have been enacted and **all necessary materials will continue to be posted on the District webpage** (www.upperschools.org):

1. NJ State Testing has been officially cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. The next round of home-instruction lessons and activities will be posted on the web by Monday, March 30, 2020, and will be communicated to students by their teachers. Please remember to follow the directions for each plan as **daily lessons have been clearly designated**. NO student should be attempting to complete an entire unit in one day. Contact your child's teacher for any additional clarification.
3. Cape May County School Districts will be meeting with NJDOE representatives to determine how grades will be calculated, recorded and posted. At this time, students should continue to complete their assigned work and will receive information on grading once it has been determined.
4. The UTBOE will be sending out information regarding food donations for families in need. For those who are able to assist, I thank you in advance for your continued generosity.
5. Information regarding school nutrition benefits and services for eligible students will be distributed accordingly and continue throughout the extended closure.
6. Participation in Virtual Challenges are NOT mandatory. Please do not participate if doing so causes any additional stress or strain on your family. They are intended to serve as positive distractions and fun ways for families to demonstrate cooperation and unity in these times of uncertainty.

Please keep in mind that the health, safety and well-being of our staff and students remains my top priority and every future decision will continue to have this commitment at its core. I thank you in advance for your continued understanding and support.

Yours in good health,

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