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Dear Stillwater Families,

Governor Murphy made two important announcements over the past few days. His first announcement was, “We will not be prepared to revisit the closure until at least April 17, at the earliest.” My last communication stated that we would potentially be closed through Spring Break. With this new update from our Governor, we can clearly state that we will be closed through April 17 and potentially longer. As I receive updates, I will continue to share them. His second announcement was the State of New Jersey is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), ACCESS for ELLs, and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment.

As we move into our third week of remote learning on Monday, there are some new features that we are adding in order to engage our students. The first addition is our special area teachers will now have their own Google Classrooms! All students will need to join the class by going to <https://classroom.google.com> and clicking the ‘join’ or ‘accept’ button under the new classroom. We have also activated student gmail accounts for communication between students and teachers only. Please go to gmail.com and follow the prompts to get started. Your child’s email and password are the same as their login to their Chromebooks. This email feature allows for student-teacher communication ONLY. The system blocks any emails between students and any emails to and from outside email addresses.

During this time, please note that the school is able to monitor student activity while on their school issued Chromebooks. Be vigilant and ensure that your child is engaging in appropriate use and communication. All school policies continue during this remote learning time.

Our Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, March 30 at 7:00pm, remotely via Zoom. There will be an option for remote public participation. The location of the meeting will be in the All-Purpose room at Stillwater School, however we are encouraging those who want to attend to do so remotely. A link to the Zoom BOE Meeting will be posted on our website.

Thank you again for your patience and have a wonderful, safe weekend!

Sincerely,

William Kochis
Superintendent