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March 24, 2020

Dear Washington Township School Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to update you on recent information that I have regarding our schools and the COVID-19 crisis.

Governor Murphy has directed all schools close until further notice. Based on this directive, the Washington Township School District will close until April 20, 2020. We will continue with home instruction programming until April 9th. April 10th through April 19th schools will be closed (no home instruction lessons) for Spring Break. School will resume on April 20, 2020. We are hopeful that students will be able to return to school on Monday, April 20th. In the event that the State does not allow us to return to school, home instruction will restart on April 20th.

I want to thank you all for working with the teachers to help your child complete their assignments. We understand the struggles you might be having with your other responsibilities. Teachers have been working diligently to provide academic instruction in unconventional ways and will continue. Please remain in contact with your child's teacher regularly. Should you experience challenges completing assignments, let teachers know, and they will try to resolve the issue the best they can. I cannot express how hard our teachers are working to make sure that your child continues to receive a high-quality education, without overwhelming everyone. Please understand, teachers have only provided a fraction of the material they usually cover during a normal school day. We know that current days are anything but normal. Remote learning cannot replace face to face instruction for many reasons, but I am so very proud of the way our Washington Township teachers, students, and parents have responded to this crisis.

Please continue to have your student check teacher websites for lessons and assignments. When possible, have your student participate in Zoom videoconferencing lessons. For students that need to pick up supplies and work packets (notifications will be sent by teachers, if this applies to your child), the District will be open on Thursday, March 26th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. On Thursday, you may drive to Port Colden and Brass Castle School to pick up your child's work packet and supplies. When you arrive at the school, please stay in your car. Someone from the school will greet you and supplies will be brought to your car. We ask for your patience during this process, as we will have limited staff working at the building during supply pick-ups (social distancing protocols). If you are unable to pick up your child's supplies at this time, please email the schools and alternate arrangements will be made.

For alternate arrangements for supply pick up email:

Brass Castle: rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org

Port Colden: ckaluzny@washtwpsd.org





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If your financial situation has changed due to recent events, please complete the Free & Reduced Application for Breakfast and Lunch. This application can be found on the Cafeteria page of our website. Please return the application using one of the following methods: email jflynn@washtwpsd.org, fax 908-689-2356 or via mail to Brass Castle School, 16 Castle Street, Washington, NJ 07882. Please note, that meals will not be available during Spring Break.

These are tough times for us all. Should you not be feeling well, please contact your healthcare provider. If you or your child start to feel the weight of our current situation becoming too overwhelming, take a break from schoolwork...play a game, sit outside in the sun, watch cartoons, have a family cook-off, break out the coloring book or photo albums. Take this opportunity to share quality time because despite all of the pressures, family is your first priority.

Additional information and resources can be found on our District website and Facebook page.

Respectfully,

Keith T. Neuhs
Superintendent

