

March 18, 2020

Dear Rahway Public Schools Community,

As of this morning, the Rahway School District's status has not changed regarding the novel coronavirus events. We have NO known cases of COVID-19 in the Rahway Schools.

You already know that the Rahway schools are closed. Last night the Rahway Board of Education passed a resolution to approve the **closing of all Rahway District schools to students beginning on March 16, 2020**. This was a preemptive decision by the Rahway Board of Education to protect the health and safety of all students and staff. Per NJ Governor Murphy's subsequent directive this closing will be indefinite.

The Rahway teaching staff have done an amazing job and have prepared three weeks of academic work for all students to do while on extended home instruction. Please see individual teacher sites for your children's work and assignments; these sites are accessible through each school's website. In addition paper packets have been made available to students that may need them. Again this remote instruction ("home instruction") will count toward our required 180 instructional days and will not have to be made up.

The district is distributing meals for our eligible students; eligible families have been notified through phone blast and email. At this time, breakfast and lunch meals can be picked up at either Grover Cleveland School or the 7th & 8th Grade Academy between 9:30am and 11:30am. These two schools are distributing meals for all eligible students; your child does not need to attend these schools for you to get the meals and you only need to go to one distribution site to get meals for all of your children. Meal distribution information is posted on the district website.

To help protect everyone's health and be able to continue to serve the students we are setting up office staff to be able to work remotely. This process will be completed so that by Monday March 23 all of our schools can be contacted through email and phone; between the hours of 8:00am and 2:30pm, an office staff person or administrator will be able to respond.

Additional health information and guidance can be found here:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

We expect to receive periodic updates from Health Departments and will continue to keep you informed. We will continue to use postings to the district website, as well as phone calls and email to inform our families.

We all know these unprecedented times. I thank you for your partnership in helping to keep our school community safe and healthy, and helping our children continue with their education.



Dr. Patricia Camp
Superintendent of Schools