



TABERNACLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Thomas P. Christensen, Interim Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Staff, Parents/Guardians:

As COVID-19 progresses, I would like to keep you informed of the latest update from the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) which includes the possibility of school closures. **IF** our schools are closed, the NJDOE stated that students impacted by public health related closure must have access to home instruction services. In addition, such days will count as a 'day of school' towards the 180-day requirement. Home instruction may include 'online instruction' or 'any other means developed by the district to meet the needs of its students.'

IF school is closed for a health-related measure, either preemptively or reactively, days will **NOT** need to be made-up as long as home instruction can be delivered. The NJDOE has requested that school officials begin to plan for such an occurrence. The Administrative Team at Tabernacle Township School District began early last week to prepare for allowing all children to have equitable access to instruction.

A survey will be sent home today to poll families in reference to their ability to access technology and WIFI.
PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS SURVEY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!

Our teachers and staff are in the planning stages for this delivery of home instruction. Teachers will communicate to their students how instruction will be delivered and accessed. **Please do not ask teachers for the specifics at this time** as we are in the process of creating, reviewing and fine-tuning our plans.

As this situation evolves, we will keep you informed of guidance provided by the CDC, the Burlington County Health Department and the New Jersey Department of Education. Please remind your child(ren) of the following steps to reduce the spread of illnesses in our schools and community.

- **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or sleeve, not your hands.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- **Stay home if you are sick** and avoid sick people.
- **Review and follow CDC travel advisories** when planning travel. If you become ill after returning home to the United States, call your healthcare provider.

Thank you for your support in working to keep our students and staff healthy.

Sincerely,

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Interim Superintendent of Schools

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