Dear Egg Harbor City Families:

As I have previously written, keeping our schools open to educate our children and maintain their safety have been goals since the COVID19 outbreak. On Friday, March 13, 2020, I sent you a letter regarding our school closure plan and your children received instructional packets with 14 days worth of educational lessons. Please note the following update:

**Full School Closure Effective March 16, 2020**

- Over the weekend, several districts in Atlantic County and entire counties throughout the State have made the decision to close schools. The Governor has indicated that closing schools statewide is “imminent”.
- On Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th Atlantic County Superintendents, along with the Director of the Atlantic County Department of Health and the Atlantic County Executive Superintendent, participated in conference calls. We discussed the pros and cons of closure and also reviewed information provided by the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health.
- In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID19, we have made the decision to close schools effective Monday, March 16, 2020. As per our calendar, Spring Break is from Friday, April 10 through Friday, April 17. At this point, students MAY return to school on Monday, April 20. We will be in contact with you if this date needs to be amended as more information becomes available.

**Additional Health Closure Plan Information**

- Students receiving free/reduced lunch are still able to receive meals during this closure. Pick up will be available at the Community School from 8-9 a.m. for breakfast and 11-12 noon for lunch. Please report to the outside of the cafeteria to receive your meals.
- On Monday the 16th, the school nurses will be reaching out to any student who has medication at the school. Arrangements will need to be made to pick up this medication.
- Please refer to the information that was sent home with your child on Friday and the school website for all school closure information.
- Note that the packets sent home are for two weeks’ worth of work. Please look for updates regarding additional materials.

I realize there are many different opinions about school closures. Know that this decision to close was made with much deliberation and consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ashulby@eggharborcityschools.com. Please look for additional updates. Thank you and take care.

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