



*Office of the Superintendent
Keyport Public Schools*

Lisa Savoia, Ed.D.
Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

After careful consideration following meetings with the New Jersey Department of Education, the Monmouth County Department of Health, and the recent message from the Governor, the Keyport School District will be closed from Monday, March 16th until further notice. The reopening of school at the earliest possible date is a priority for the district, and I will be in frequent contact to continue to communicate our status. The closing of the Keyport Schools will adhere to the following timeline:

- Monday, March 16th, 2020 will be closed as an emergency “snow” day. This day will not impact our current school calendar, and provides an opportunity for staff and families to prepare.
- Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 until further notice will be deemed virtual learning days in which our plan for remote education will be put into effect. These days will count towards our 180 required school days.
- All sports and activities will be cancelled until further notice.
- For qualifying families, grab-and-go meals (breakfast and lunch) will be available for pick-up at the Central School vestibule from 9am - 10am beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The decision to close school is preemptive as there have been no direct COVID-19 cases reported within the Keyport School district at the time this letter was written. However, the closing of school reduces the possible transmission of this communicable virus to the larger community. In order for this closure to fulfill its intended purpose, please carefully consider any social gatherings. If you or your children exhibit any symptoms of sickness, please seek the guidance of a physician.

Over the past week, our district staff have worked tirelessly to create a remote learning plan for our students. While it cannot replicate the richness of instruction our teachers deliver within their classrooms, it will provide opportunities for daily learning during this unprecedented time. An explanation of our remote learning plan can be accessed at www.kpsdschools.org under “COVID-19 District Communication.” Efforts were made to deliver schoolwork home to elementary students that were absent today. Older students who were absent today, but need materials that were sent home should contact their building principal for guidance.

During this time, our guidance counselors, nurses, and members of the child study team will be checking in on the needs of our students. Additionally, our schools will be open for administrative tasks and our custodians will be implementing an aggressive cleaning schedule as part of our Pandemic Management Plan. At all times, we will be providing parents and staff updates on our educational services, school closure status, and information about the Coronavirus as it develops.

In closing, we understand the layers of stress and anxiety a crisis like this invokes. If at any time your child needs anything, please reach out to any of our administrators via email so that we can provide the support you need.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Savoia, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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