

# EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

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March 10, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians:

We continue to plan and prepare for the impact of COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus) on our school community, including the possibility of school closure to limit transmission of the virus within the community. School closures may be ordered either by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) or the Middlesex County health officials, if necessary.

The administrative team has met to prepare a plan for potential school closing. In the event of a school closing, we are considering delivering instruction through alternate means. Since our students have unique needs and programs are individualized, delivery of services will depend on a number of factors. We are considering the use of teacher / therapist created work packets, programs such as IXL, Newsela, and/or learning tools such as Schoology. Please be advised that we may require to make up school days over spring recess and/or at the end of school year.

We have cancelled all community based instruction (CBI) trips as a precautionary measure. All efforts will be made by the instructional team to meet students' CBI related goals within the school premises. We have also cancelled all school-wide events and assemblies to avoid chances of being exposed to the virus.

We are making every effort to educate our staff and students about everyday preventative actions that can help prevent the spread of viruses. There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. We are encouraging any members of our school community who show common symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath) to stay at home and seek medical advice.

We will continue to update our plan based on guidance from the NJDOH and the Middlesex County health officials.

We will keep you updated if new guidelines become available.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Finkelstein  
Superintendent

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10 de Marzo de 2020

Queridos Padres/Guardianes:

Seguimos planificando y preparandonos para el impacto de COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus) en nuestra comunidad escolar, incluida la posibilidad del cierre de la escuela para limitar la transmission del virus dentro de la comunidad. Los cierres de escuelas pueden ser ordenados por el department de salud de New Jersey o Middlesex funcionarios de salud, si es necesario.

El equipo de administracion se ha reunido para preparar un plan para el posible cierre de la escuela, estamos considerando entregar instruccion a traves de medios alternativos. Como nuestros estudiantes tienen necesidades unicas y los programas son individualizados, la prestacion de servicios dependera de una serie de factores. Estamos considerando el uso de paquetes terapeutas, programas como IXL, Newsela, y/o herramientas de aprendizaje como la escologia, tenga en cuenta que es posible que necesitemos recuperar los dias escolares durante el receso de primavera y/o al final del ano escolar.

Hemos cancelado todos los viajes de instruccion basado en la comunidad (CBI) como medio de precaucion. El equip de instruccion hara todo lo posible para conocer a los estudiantes CBI metas relacionadas dentro de las instalaciones de la escuela. Tambien hemos cancelado todos los eventos y asambleas de toda la escuela, para evitar la posibilidad de estar expuestos al virus.

Estamos hacienda todo lo posible para educar a nuestros personal y estudiantes sobre las acciones preventivas diarias que pueden ayudar a prevenir la propagacion de virus. Actualmente no hay vacuna para prevenir la infeccion COVID-19. La mayor manera de prevenir la infeccion es evitar la exposicion al virus. Alentamos a cualquier miembro de nuestra comunidad escolar que muestre sintomas comunes de COVID-19 (tos, fiebre, falta de aliento) quedarse en casa y buscar consejo medico.

Continuaremos actualizando nuestro plan en base a la orientacion de NJDOE y el Centro de Funcionarios de Salud de Middlesex.

Lo mantendremos informado si hay nuevas pautas disponibles.

Sinceramente,

  
Mark Finkelstein  
Superintendente

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