



BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS / SPECIAL SERVICES

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Howard Lerner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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Dear School Community Members,

As new information about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) becomes available, we continue to plan and prepare for the potential impact on our school communities. Yesterday afternoon, information was released by the state to inform superintendents that all districts should prepare for a possible school health-related closure if we are directed to close schools by either the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) or the health officer of the jurisdiction. The district has been conducting preparation and planning meetings for the purpose of ensuring the provision of educational services to students in the unlikely event of a prolonged school closure.

Our programs and schools are unique, and thus, the delivery method of services will be based upon a variety of factors. Instruction may be provided remotely through the use of technology hardware and software programs such as Apex or IXL, teacher/therapist created work folders, and via learning tools such as Google Classroom. Over the coming days schools will be finalizing plans that will address the needs of each student in our district.

At the same time, we are making every effort to educate our staff and students about the best ways to prevent infection and avoid being exposed to the virus. Additionally, we are encouraging any members of our school community who show symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath) to seek medical advice and stay at home.

The school district is continuously guided by direction provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and the Bergen County Department of Health.

As new information becomes available, we will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Howard Lerner', is written over a horizontal line.

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent