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## **Superintendent of Schools**

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As you were probably now aware, Governor Murphy has issued an order restricting travel and operations to only essential function employees and for essential life functions. I'm sure you were wondering how this might impact the school district plan moving forward.

First, as it relates to Food Services: my understanding, in conferring with local authorities, is that families would still be able and be authorized to visit the various locations for food pick up. Should that change, however, my team is presently working on a plan whereby we would be capable of delivering food to each and every household in need.

Relative to the Chromebook pick up scheduled for Monday: due to the Governor's order we are no longer able to move forward with this plan. Therefore, an alternative plan has been developed. The devices will be delivered to each elementary school on Tuesday, March 24 along with the food provisions.

Therefore, any family with students in grades K-5 who have been called previously and indicated that they are need of a device can pick the device up at your elementary school at the same time as the food. If you are not able to get to an elementary school during that time, the devices will be left at the school; whereby parents may go to the front door, ring the bell, and the security guard stationed there can see to the transfer of the device.

Any family with students in grades 6-12 who have been contacted concerning your technology needs: please refer to the technology form available on the district website. Please complete the form and you will be notified when your technology request will be available at your neighborhood elementary school.

Outside of these two logistical matters, the district's plan relative to e-learning remains the same. Our buildings continue to remain closed for classes until further notice. The platform will go live for parents and students on Monday, March 23.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration and I wish you a good evening.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.

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