



## TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

We cannot thank you enough for your cooperation, support and patience over the first few days of Distance Learning. As this situation continues to rapidly unfold, we are striving to provide you with the all of the information and tools you need to assist your child in learning from home.

### **GOVERNOR MURPHY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER**

As you are aware, on March 16, 2020, Governor Murphy signed executive order #104 effectively closing all school districts in New Jersey in efforts to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. According to the order, all schools are to **remain closed as long as the order is in effect**. With that, my original notice of closing the district set a tentative return date of March 30, 2020. That date is no longer valid, as we will need to wait until the executive order is lifted before considering a return date. Please be assured that information will be shared as it becomes available.

### **DISTANCE LEARNING WEBPAGE**

The district has launched a **Distance Learning Web page**. On this page you will find staff contact information, teacher assignment expectations, technology support and a variety of tips and resources to assist you in making a meaningful and engaging distance learning experience. This page will consistently be updated so please visit this site often. [Distance Learning Web Page](#)

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

In addition to the Distance Learning Page, the district has compiled a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document. The FAQs document can be found on the Distance Learning web page and will be updated as additional questions arise. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions for the FAQs document.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### **COMMUNICATION**

Friendly reminder that teachers will be available (remotely) to answer any questions about the assignments, provide additional support, and review what assignments have been completed. The best way to communicate with your child's teacher is to send an email to their school email address. However, the majority of the students will be able to communicate with their teacher through Google Classroom.

## **MORNING ANNOUNCMENTS**

All three school principals are producing video morning announcements to keep the students in the loop of school information. The teachers will post links to the morning announcement videos on their websites and Google Classrooms. Links to all of the morning announcements can be found at the bottom of the Student Resources Page from the Distance Learning Page.

## **TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**

The technology department will be available daily. The technology department can be reached by email at [techsupport@franklintwpschools.org](mailto:techsupport@franklintwpschools.org) or phone 856-629-9500 Ext. 5000. It is important to know that our technology department will only be able to address questions related to our district assigned devices and software applications that our students are using; they will not be able to address home networking questions. However, questions about accessing Google Classroom, the teacher website, iReady, and/or other instructional based programs should first be directed to your child's teacher.

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Student services (CST), school counselors and administrators will maintain contact with students/families, as needed through emails and phone calls. This contact will be related to the academic, IEP related items, social and emotional needs of our students. Please do not hesitate to email any of these staff members if you need assistance. The contact information for these professional can be found at the bottom of the main Distance Learning webpage.

**Food Service**-During the district closure, our food service provider, NutriServe, will provide "grab and go" lunches for our students in the free/reduced lunch program. Those lunches are able to be picked up at the Janvier School, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to Noon.

## **PICTURES, PICTURES AND MORE PICTURES**

We want to see what Distance Learning looks like in your home. Please send pictures via email to your child's principal. We have a scrolling picture gallery at the top of the Distance Learning webpage.

I will continue to update our school community as information becomes available. Please be assured that our school district is here to support our students and school community. Our faculty and staff is working hard to make the best of this Distance Learning experience. We take this responsibility seriously and thank you for your support.

Yours in education,



Mr. Troy Walton  
Superintendent of Schools