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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

Welcome to **Week 5** of our Distance Learning Experience. It is my hope that you were able to use this “spring recess” week to rest, relax and rejuvenate. As promised, we are striving to provide you with all of the information and tools you need to assist your child in learning from home.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 15TH

On April 16th, Governor Murphy announced that all of the New Jersey Schools will remain closed until at least May 15th. This announcement raises questions that we aren’t able to answer at this time. Please know that we will continually provide updates and information as decisions are made. It is imperative that we work together to provide our students with the best learning experience possible during these difficult times.

DISTANCE LEARNING RESUMES ON MONDAY APRIL 20TH

Again, I hope you were able to find some time to relax during the spring recess. A friendly reminder that distance learning will resume on Monday, April 20th.

FIELD TRIPS CANCELED

As you may have already assumed, **all** of the field trips scheduled for this spring have been canceled. Please know that **all money previously collected toward field trips will be refunded**. The building principals are currently working on the logistics of providing the refunds. More information will follow when it becomes available.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

“Live” Video Conferencing/Classes-Prior to spring recess, we enabled the Google Meet feature for all of our students and some teachers began using it to conduct “live” video conferencing and lessons. We have received positive feedback from both parents and staff. One concern that we need your support is with the awareness of **background distractions**. Examples of distractions are others (siblings, animals, parents, etc.) in the screen shot, background discussions or noises, TV or other electronics, etc. Please encourage your child to use a quiet area with minimal distractions in the camera’s view. This will assist your child and the other children in maintaining focus during the “live” video sessions. Thank you! If you have questions or concerns regarding the use of “live” video conferencing, please contact your child’s principal.

FOOD SERVICE RESUMES ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS

Prior to spring recess, we adjusted our food service schedule. Lunches are now available for pick up or delivery on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10:00 am and noon at the Mary F. Janvier School. In efforts to support our families, we have set up a delivery option for those families without the means to pick up lunches. **We kindly ask that you are diligent about being at the designated bus stop for lunch pick 10 minutes prior to the assigned time.** If you've confirmed participation in the food service offering and you no longer wish to receive meals via pick-up or delivery, please contact Mrs. Sharon Clair - Transportation Supervisor at 856-629-9500 X1225 to cancel your participation. Please know that even if you are not in the free/reduced lunch program but are in need of food support, we are here to help. Contact your child's school counselor or building principal if you need assistance. For your reference, there is a list of local food pantries posted on the Distance Learning web page.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Unfortunately, the in-person Kindergarten registration sessions scheduled for April 28th and May 4th have been canceled. We continue to urge parents of Kindergarten aged children to complete the online pre-registration form-[Click here for the form.](#) More information will be provided in regards to Kindergarten registration as it becomes available. Please pass this information on to anyone you may know that has a child that will be entering Kindergarten in September.

DISTANCE LEARNING WEBPAGE

A friendly reminder to continue using the **Distance Learning Web page** as means to stay informed. During the first week of our distance learning experience the district website had over 14,000 views. Thank you! This page will consistently be updated so please visit this site often. [Distance Learning Web Page](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Employment Resources-The state has set up resources for community members looking for work. Please visit the websites below for more information.

- Looking for employment? STATE OF NEW JERSEY COVID-19 JOBS AND HIRING PORTAL <https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov/>
- Looking to hire? COVID-19 ON DEMAND HIRING INTAKE FORM <https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov/intake>

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. Please let us know how we can be of an assistance. Stay safe.

Yours in education,



Mr. Troy Walton

Superintendent of Schools