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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

We are closing out **Week 7** of our Distance Learning Experience. 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.

NO NEW INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOLS

As previously noted, on April 16th, Governor Murphy announced that all of the New Jersey Schools will remain closed until at least May 15th. At this point, the Governor has not released any additional information regarding schools. However, a [nj.com article](#) reported the Governor stated he expects to address the issue of school closures well before the May 15th date. The waiting game continues, but rest assured we will provide you with updated information as soon as it becomes available. On a positive note, the Governor did release his economic plan for reopening the state titled, "[The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health through Public Health.](#)"

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET APPROVED

As previously stated, the April 27th Board of Education meeting served as the required public hearing for the annual school district budget. In light of the current COVID-19 situation, the budget was adjusted and resulted in a **0% tax increase budget** as compared to the 2019-2020 budget. I am pleased to report that the budget was fully supported and ultimately approved by all members of the Board of Education. This effort is to support our community during these very difficult times. For more information on the annual school budget, please visit the district website.

FIELD TRIP REIMBURSEMENT

As previously reported, **all** of the field trips scheduled for this spring have been canceled. The business office is currently processing refund checks for anyone that submitted money toward a field trip. The refund checks will be mailed directly to your home address.

FOOD SERVICE CONTIUES ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS

In efforts to support our students in the free and reduced lunch program, lunches are 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. 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

As previously reported, 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 (for September 2020) 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.

NJ PARENT LINK: COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR NJ PARENTS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES & PROFESSIONALS

www.njparentlink.nj.gov

- NJ Guidance & Information webpage: www.njparentlink.nj.gov/njparentlink/current/covid-19.html
- All NJ Parent Link webpages include new or redirected linkages to assist with COVID-19 family support needs.
- Tailored Perinatal, Parenting, *Stay at Home*, Hotlines & Helplines integrated throughout the website.
- Multi-Language Features: En Español & [Google™ Translator \(50 Languages\)](#).



DISTANCE LEARNING WEBPAGE

A friendly reminder to continue using the **Distance Learning Web page** as means to stay informed. This page will consistently be updated so please visit this site often. [Distance Learning Web Page](#)

Please be assured that our school district is here to support our students and the 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Walton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'W'.

Mr. Troy Walton
Superintendent of Schools