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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

We are closing out **Week 8** 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.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

On Monday, May 4th, Governor Murphy announced that all of the New Jersey Schools will remain closed for the rest of the academic year. Even though this decision was expected, it still is very disappointing for everyone. This decision raises more questions than answers. Rest assured, we will provide you with updates and information as it becomes available. At this point, it is my plan to continue with the weekly updates to keep the school community informed.

COLLECTION OF PERSONAL ITEMS LEFT IN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

We are aware that the students and staff have personal belongings left in the classrooms. The school principals are currently working on a plan for those items to be picked up and will communicate the details of the plan once it is finalized. Preliminary plans are to have the teaching staff members come into the schools next week to pack up the classrooms. During the classroom pack up, the students' personal belongings will be placed in bags and labeled. At this point, we are targeting the week of May 18th for parents to pick up the student items. You will receive school building specific information and a detailed schedule next week. Please contact your child's principal with any questions you may have regarding the pick-up of personal belongings.

VIRTUAL 6TH GRADE "MOVING UP" CEREMONY

This year's sixth grade "Moving Up" ceremony will occur virtually. Mr. Peters, principal of the Caroline L. Reutter School, is currently working with his staff and student leaders to develop a dignified virtual ceremony. More information will be communicated once it becomes available.

CHROMEBOOKS

The decision has been made to allow the students to keep their Chromebooks at home during the summer months. This does include the Chromebooks for our current sixth grade students. Those Chromebooks will be collected in the fall at Delsea. Please know that if you transfer your child to another school district, you will be required to return the Chromebook prior to transfer records being released. It is our hope that students will use the access to technology for educational purposes during the summer months. The curriculum department is working on a list of suggested academic activities that students can participate in using their Chromebooks.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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.

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.

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