

## OCEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Ocean City School District will be open Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> with an early dismissal for students. Ocean City School District will be closed to students as directed by the Cape May County Health Department as of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

March 15, 2020

Dear School Community:

The health, safety, and welfare of our students, families, and community are at the forefront of this decision-making as we continue to respond to this current health emergency. The closure is a non-pharmaceutical intervention (social distancing). Our school is and continues to be clean and safe for our students. We have had ongoing communication with the New Jersey Departments of Health and Education as well as closely monitored the press conference held by Governor Murphy on Friday, March 13, 2020. In addition, we have contacted and consulted with the Cape May County Department of Health regarding the effects and impact of COVID-19 in our County and communities.

Even though at this time, there are no confirmed cases in Cape May County, we are acting with an abundance of caution to address the spread of COVID-19 and to help protect and support our students, families, and communities during this national emergency.

Please rest assured that this decision was not taken lightly, and we understand the impact this has on families, which is why the Cape May County School Districts have come together to close our schools starting Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents have received and will continue to receive more information about our plans for remote instructional continuity and food distribution for eligible families in our food service programs, as mandated by the NJDOE.

We will continue to monitor the information available and any details that may require a longer closure if recommended. We will coordinate with our community throughout the closure and will provide updates and information specific to the firm date for the School District's reopening. Please be sure to check our website for updates and please logon to your PowerSchool account for additional information regarding your child's academic program and progress.

If your child leaves an item in school and needs to be retrieved during closure, please email the principal of your child's school or call that school's main office and leave a message. The school will coordinator with you for item retrieval.

We care deeply about our school community. Although a difficult decision to close school, we are coordinating with the City of Ocean City and Cape May County Health Department to act in the best interests of our children and community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen W. Taylor, Ed.D.

Superintendent



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