

## OCEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community:

The Ocean City School District, like school districts and communities across the country, is facing and responding - often heroically - to a host of new challenges in the wake of the pandemic health crisis. We know that establishing a daily remote learning routine for your children and family is one of those challenges.

I read an article with great advice for parents: **"You are not your child's Teacher. You are their Parent. You don't need to panic about educating your child during quarantine."**

As parents, you are working hard each day to work remotely and maintain a household as well as guide your children through an atypical school day. You have been unexpectedly thrust into a version of home schooling. I assure you that the OCSD faculty is planning and working hard each school day to determine the best way to deliver quality virtual lessons to your children. The OCSD team is going above and beyond each school day to meet the other demands of operating a school district, even when children are not present in our buildings. I commend and thank our food service department, custodians, maintenance, and grounds crew staff, technology department, administrators and board office staff. Together, we are all learning how to better collaborate virtually among staff, faculty, parents and students to maintain the highest quality education to which we are accustomed, even during these unprecedented times.

We also realize that PowerSchool had some issues meeting the online demand across this country, particularly last week, as did most other online platforms. We received notice that PowerSchool did perform emergency maintenance over the weekend with the goal to ensure that connectivity is working effectively. Please also remember that with so many folks working online intermittent connectivity interruptions or a slow system are to be expected. During those times, why not take a break; step away from the computer take a deep breath and stretch.

If you are having a problem, concern or question regarding technology as it relates to remote learning, please go to our website and in the pop-up, click on the **Remote Learning Information & Support** link. Our IT department is working continually to address issues that your child may be having as it relates to technology and accessing their class activities. If your child is in need of a Chromebook at some point during this closure, please submit a request using the link.

With regards to current information about the Coronavirus health crisis, please go to the New Jersey Department of Health website at [covid19.nj.gov](http://covid19.nj.gov). This website provides information that residents, healthcare providers, businesses and organizations, schools, and others will find helpful. The Cape May County Department of Health link is [www.cmchealth.net](http://www.cmchealth.net).

The N.J. Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness has created a Coronavirus/COVID-19 [Rumor Control & Disinformation website](#). This page helps the public distinguish between facts and rumors/disinformation regarding the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The page is updated as new rumors are vetted by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management and Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJSP/OEM/OHSP).

At this time, we do not know the school closure time frame as things are continually changing, resulting in more and more stringent actions and closures. As Governor Murphy stated in his Executive Order #104, **schools are closed until further notice**.

We all care deeply about our school community. It is most important that we keep informed from reliable sources, have the facts in hand, and avoid spreading rumors. As always the OCSD administration and board of education maintains our practice of responding as quickly as possible to changes based on factual information and sharing that information with our families and communities.

Never has it been more important to be All in This Together.

Sincerely,

Kathleen W. Taylor, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



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