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Dear Red Raider:

Wow, do you rock! I have heard from your teachers and Mr. Mattina that you are keeping up with your schoolwork and engaging with your teachers and classmates as you learn from home. Your commitment no doubt makes your family and your teachers proud. The connections you're maintaining with Ocean City Intermediate School make me especially proud.

I know that you miss your friends, your teachers and advisors, your teams and coaches, and so much more. In addition to closing school, some of your favorite places are closed: coffee shops, fitness centers, the library, and basketball courts. Even the boardwalk and beach are closed. However, together, we are finding ways to keep in touch, keep learning, and continue having fun. The attached photos of [OCIS's halls](#) might help you feel connected to your school. It's not the same as being there, but I hope they lift your spirits.

Seeing these [hallways](#) also gives us an opportunity to remember that much of what we learn *in school* influences our lives outside of school and how we react to this change. Projects like the [surf boards](#) teach us important lessons: patience, communication, creativity, and collaboration. I'm sure you're practicing some of those skills right now as you adjust to your parents being your teachers for the first time. Remember, they're learning how to teach, just as you're learning how to be a student at home!

We're certainly all pulling together as students, families, and a community, which makes our district strong – [like a rock](#). We're so strong, that we certainly won't let a little distance break our school spirit!

So, let's have some fun virtually to show just how powerful our Ocean City pride is. We invite you to participate in our [virtual Ocean City School District Spirit Week the week of April 6th](#). Show off your Red Raider School Spirit and how "we rock" better together! Please join the Intermediate School in showing your Red Raider Spirit by sending pictures of your School Spirit for each day's theme to ISrocks@ocsdnj.org!

I'm giving the Intermediate School a big virtual high five! Keep up the great work and help us bring these halls back to life next week!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen W. Taylor
Superintendent



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