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Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear Lower Township Elementary Schools Families,

Earlier today, you received the all-call update regarding the decision to close schools Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, March 30, with the current plan for students to return on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. This decision was made by the Cape May County Department of Health.

This is an unprecedented challenge for all of us, and the impact on public education and our community is considerable. We know how significantly this impacts our families and the hardship it will cause for many.

In preparation for this period of closure, the following are additional details about instruction, special education and meal services for families.

INSTRUCTION

We have prepared for home instruction during this time. Packets of work for each grade level were sent home with students today, Monday, March 16. Packets include a 10 day off-site learning plan for families with work for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Special Areas. Teachers will be available to support families and answer questions via school email.

We want to acknowledge that we can never replace the work our teachers do with students in our classrooms; no one expects learning to be as effective as what teachers accomplish directly with students. These activities are meant to help our students maintain their existing skills and knowledge, and prepare a foundation for topics and concepts to come in the fourth marking period. When schools reopen please send the completed packets of work, along with the off-site learning plans that have your initials to your child's homeroom teacher.

The assignments will count as a participation or homework grade.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education teachers modified student work and activities in the packets as appropriate for students with IEPs. Speech therapists created lesson activities for students to complete at home during the closure. Lesson activities for Occupational Therapy have also been included in the packet. Occupational Therapy for the Memorial School and Physical Therapy for all schools will provide make-up services when school reopens.

Scheduled IEP meetings will be held via conference calls. Please email Debra Keeler, Supervisor of Special Services (dkeeler@lowertwpschools.com) with any questions.

FOOD SERVICES

Beginning Tuesday, March 17 LTES will provide breakfast and lunch for ***all students*** under the age of 18. Meals will be offered Monday through Friday at the David C Douglass Memorial Elementary School and Sandman Elementary from 9:00 am -11:30am. The meals will be “grab and go” style and student families will be able to pick up lunch at breakfast service. Families may take multiple days worth of meals for consumption during the week.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any questions specific to your child please direct them to your child’s teacher, and questions regarding home instruction/curriculum, meal services or special education to this email account ltcs@lowertwpschools.com. We will answer them on a timely basis.

Stay connected with us. We will be **providing updates as they happen on our district webpage** (<https://lowertwpschools.com/>). Additionally, families will receive regular communication and updates through a daily all-call from the Superintendent and posts on our district and school Facebook pages.

Together, we will move forward and continue to serve our students and support one another. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we navigate through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Jeff Samaniego

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Superintendent