March 22, 2020

Dear Franklin Lakes Parents, Staff and Community Members,

As you may have heard, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 107 on Saturday March 21, 2020. All schools in New Jersey will now be closed until further notice. Our Distance/Remote Learning will continue until Friday. April 3, 2020. Spring recess is scheduled from Monday, April 6th – Friday, April 10th, and there will be no remote learning during that week. Our Distance/Remote Learning will restart on Monday, April 13, 2020. We know how disruptive this is to everyone's lives, yet we recognize the need to adhere to these guidelines to support the safety of our township and students during this unprecedented time.

As has been recommended by New Jersey Department of Health and the CDC and reiterated by Governor Murphy, all NJ residents are directed to stay at home. I urge families to restrict in-person social interactions and to consider other ways that they can have appropriate and healthy connections with their peers. At the request of the Franklin Lakes Police Department, please do not gather on any school grounds and play areas.

I understand all the information is a lot to process. As we continue with this unprecedented situation, there will undoubtedly be some hiccups and missteps. I ask that you please remain patient and understanding throughout this time period as our teachers and staff are most certainly doing everything in their power to continue the education of our students. If at any time you have any questions, comments, or concerns that cannot be answered by your respective teachers, please reach out to your school principal or me via email. Our teachers, staff, students, parents, and community are the best in Bergen County!

This challenge is just one more opportunity to overcome obstacles and come together as a community. It will take the efforts of everyone in our community to slow down COVID 19 and reduce exposure.

May your families and friends remain healthy!

Sincerely,

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Interim Superintendent of Schools