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Dear Parents and Community Members:

Be advised all Carteret Public Schools will be closed Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20, 2020. Children should stay home. The closures affect all programming at the schools, including before and after-school activities including childcare, all athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, and weekend events.

In order for all students to have access to curriculum during an extended absence, the actions below will be taken:

- Hard copies (printed assignments with directions) for each grade level were made available for all students without internet access.
- Devices have been assigned to students who do not have access in Grades 3-12.
- Supplemental services will be provided for OT/PT, Speech, etc. through Google hangout and/or paper-based lessons to ensure continuity of services to eligible students.
- Pathways Related Health Service Provider will remain in communication with their students to provide daily support, as needed.
- Teachers will be available during regular work hours via email, and other digital platforms.
- Counselors/Social Workers & Case Managers will be available via email. Phone conferences may also be scheduled.
- School Principals and Secretaries will be available to answer questions, as needed during school hours.
- Tech Support will be available during school hours to assist and can be reached at the following extensions 732-541-8960 ext. 6100 ext. 6101 ext. 6102 ext. 6103

Students in grades 3-12 can access their schoolwork through their teacher's Google Classroom/Schoology pages. Students in grades PreK-2 came home with work packets that should be completed, daily. All lessons, Pre-k – 5, as well as additional learning information for all grades, can be found on-line via a link on the **Carteretschools.org** website. Effective March 15 Comcast is offering 2 months of FREE internet service for eligible families. Visit this link for additional information <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19> . **Please continue to visit the www.carteretschools.org website for updates regarding school closures and for information regarding your child's classwork.**

Lunch will continue to be available for our students DAILY at three different outdoor locations:

*Carteret High School (parking lot), Private N. Minue School (near main entrance), and Columbus School (on Carteret Avenue)
Monday –Friday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.*

Additionally, continue to speak to your child about the following prevention measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Use soap and hot water, wash for 20 seconds, including fingertips.
- Always cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

If you or someone in your family has been diagnosed or suspected to be exposed to COVID-19 please notify the school district.

Regards,
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