March 13, 2020

Dear East Windsor Regional School District Community:

After careful consultation with our local health officials, local government, and the NJDOE, we are announcing the East Windsor Regional School District will begin to implement its remote learning plan beginning **Tuesday, March 17, 2020. We expect this plan to be in effect through Sunday, March 29, 2020.** During this time period, students will engage in learning activities while at home, and receive virtual support from their teachers. During this two week period, we will assess the continued implementation of remote learning based on the guidance from our public health officials and will communicate any necessary changes or updates. Although we do not have a known confirmed case in the East Windsor Regional School District at this time, I do not want to wait until one is identified and it becomes too late to limit the spread of this highly contagious virus. This is being implemented as a precautionary and proactive approach to reduce the risk for our students, staff and families.

As you know, on **Monday, March 16, students are already planned to follow an early dismissal schedule.** We ask that students be prepared to bring home at the end of the day any materials they may need to engage in remote instruction, including musical instruments, textbooks, technology, reading materials, other relevant supplies.

As a district, we have worked diligently during the last few weeks to prepare for this possibility. Our remote learning plan consists of a combination of on-line learning opportunities, combined with a series of traditional learning activities consisting of books, instructional packets, supplementary handouts, and other relevant resources. Teachers will be accessible to students and parents during remote learning to answer questions, and to provide guidance and support. It is important to clarify that remote learning does not mean that our district will be completely closed. Our buildings will be operational and staff members will be present to answer questions and offer support.

As previously mentioned, the following buildings will be open for students to access breakfast and lunch (8:00-12:00): EMK, PLD, GNR, MHK, and HHS. Students can select the building that is closest to their residence for breakfast/lunch. These food items will only be grab and go.

During the two week remote learning time period, all district activities and athletic events (including practices) will be postponed or cancelled. This includes facility use, events, and rental activities.

We will continue to provide timely updates throughout the upcoming remote learning period. Please feel free to contact your school by phone or email for further questions or concerns once our remote learning plan starts. Continue to check the district's website for ongoing updates **www.ewrsd.org.**
I recognize this is a unique and difficult time, but I am confident that as a school community, we can overcome the challenges ahead. I would like to express my deep appreciation to the entire school community for its continued flexibility, understanding, and support.

Sincerely,

Mark Daniels

Superintendent of Schools