

UNION BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although there have been no reported cases of the Coronavirus in Union Beach as of today, March 10, 2020, we have decided to move to the next stage of our emergency preparedness plan. Stage 2 includes the cancellation of some after-school events and all trips, as well as the exclusion of outside visitors or organizations during the school day or after hours and more stringent protocol for aftercare dismissal. That being said, we are no longer allowing anyone except for students and staff into our school building until further notice. Parents may pick up their students from the main office as per usual if they are signing them out early. However, we are no longer allowing parent volunteers for drama, mystery readers, etc.

Some of the specific events that will have to be cancelled or postponed are as follows:

- *Angst* screening for parents and students (postponed: date TBD)
- Transportation Q&A for 8th grade parents (cancelled; please email or call Lindsay Brydges-Walsh with questions)
- Kindergarten Bowling Trip (postponed: date TBD)
- Debate event for middle school debate team (postponed: date TBD)
- Drama's production of *Mary Poppins* (postponed: date TBD)
- 1st Grade Trip to Count Basie (Cancelled, will try for a later date)
- April's PTA Meeting (cancelled)
- Drama/Chorus Trip to Broadway (A decision will be made closer to the date of the trip)
- Washington DC Trip for 8th graders (A decision will be made closer to the date of the trip)

While the State of Emergency is in effect, we will be suspending the Attendance Policy which states that consequences for unexcused student absences could be rendered. Parents should use their best judgement and keep students home when necessary. We urge parents to call the school nurse, Mrs. Cammarato, at 732-264-5420 to share the reason for your child's absence.

Our custodial staff is disinfecting and cleaning all areas of the building, especially touch points. However, preventative measures such as washing hands, coughing into one's elbow and staying home when sick are the best ways to prevent the spread of any illness.

Sincerely,

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