April 27, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy. It is hard to imagine our schools have been closed for six weeks. Please know how much we miss our students. You are all in our thoughts as you continue to manage your own reality and the many challenges you may be facing.

Last week, Governor Murphy extended school closures at least through Friday, May 15. This announcement does not mean there has been a date set for the reopening of schools. We expect the governor to provide an update on this declaration at some point in the next two weeks.

I want to also share that our district has begun to discuss contingency plans regarding some of our end-of-year activities. We will do everything in our power to recognize and celebrate our students, especially our Class of 2020 graduates. While some programs and events will have to be canceled, we are working to postpone others and also perhaps, conduct some events virtually. As these contingency plans take shape, we will be sure to share the details with our students and parents. Any plans will have to be in line with current health guidelines.

Finally, we are scheduling another “Catch Up Day” for this Friday, May 1. On Friday, teachers will post expectations for the day in Google Classroom. Teachers will be available to assist students and respond to questions throughout the morning. During the afternoon, we ask students to work independently so that our teachers have time to collaborate. This format is similar to the district’s normally scheduled early dismissal days for staff professional development. For our middle and high school students, this day should be used to catch up on any missing work.

We continue to look forward to the day that we can see your child again.

Sincerely,

Paul Amoroso
Superintendent of Schools

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