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Dear Glassboro School District Families,

I have a few updates to share with you this week.

As mentioned in my telephone and email message last week, we have shortened our district's Spring Break to Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13.

On April 14 and 16, Dorothy L. Bullock School will distribute student laptops to those families who indicated in the school survey that their student needed one. This will enable Bullock to fully-transition to online learning. Principal Rich Taibi will notify families as to their specific day and time.

Thomas E. Bowe School Principal Craig Stephenson requested that I remind Bowe parents that they can reach him (cstephenson@gpsd.us) and Assistant Principal Kelly Marchese (kmarchese@gpsd.us) by email with any concerns or inquiries. They will endeavor to respond promptly and set up a telephone conference if one is needed.

GHS regrettably needed to cancel this year's senior trip due to the COVID-19 situation and cancellation notification deadlines. As Principal Monique Stowman-Burke noted in her email to students, students will receive refunds in the upcoming weeks.

We understand that activity cancellations are disappointing to students and their parents. They are disappointing to us as well. Please note that at this time, most activities have not been rescheduled because schools are still closed indefinitely. We will need to reassess this when we have more information.

We are happy to announce that Glassboro students have received 3,500 meals-to-date through our Bullock food distribution site! The site will be closed for Spring Break on Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13. However, this Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., parents will be able pick up extra food to cover breakfast/lunch for those two additional days.

We reached 99 percent of our families with the recent Breakfast/Lunch Survey, and we thank everyone for their participation and kind comments! The transportation department will reach out individually to make food distribution arrangements with those families who require delivery. Other families can continue to pick up meals at Bullock. Beginning on Thursday, April 16, the meal distribution hours at Bullock will change to 10 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday.

Glassboro School District remains committed to keeping our buildings safe and clean. Custodians will continue to clean and disinfect as needed. Maintenance personnel are ensuring that all HVAC and plumbing systems are in working order. The grounds crew is maintaining our grass and keeping the athletic fields clean and safe for when school resumes.

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I will continue to share information with you throughout our closure. Our schools will remain closed until the governor and health officials deem it safe to return. However, please know that we miss each and every one of you. We wish you a happy and healthy holiday!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Silverstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent.

Mark J. Silverstein
Superintendent