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Dear Glassboro School District Families,

I want to thank parents, students, and staff for working together to make our first week of distance learning a success. I speak for all the principals when I say that we have been heartened by the creativity and collaboration that you have shown.

Let me take a moment to update you on school district plans. Glassboro Public Schools remain closed in compliance with Governor Murphy's order to close New Jersey schools. Our district will contact parents with a reopening date once the order is lifted. At this point, we do not have a definite return date. The most important thing right now is doing our part to keep the Glassboro community healthy by practicing social distancing.

Distance learning is in place at all schools. Please ensure that your children complete their school work. Failure to complete assignments will affect students' grades. Continuing the learning process also provides some continuity in this uncertain time and minimizes any backslide in skills.

Here are a few school updates:

J. Harvey Rodgers School – J. Harvey Rodgers School students are working on packets, which were sent home. Packets are also posted on the school website, <u>www.gpsd.us/Domain/318</u>. Additional work packets spanning a longer period of time will be available by next week. Principal Danielle Sochor will be in contact with parents about this new information.

Dorothy L. Bullock School – Dorothy L. Bullock School students already have packets to take them through spring break. The copies are also posted under "Remote Learning" on the school's website, <u>www.gpsd.us/Domain/264</u>. Parents, please make sure that you have completed and returned Principal Rich Taibi's survey about your household's access to online devices/internet connectivity. If we remain closed through spring break, Dorothy L. Bullock School will reassess whether it will continue instruction through packets or online learning. Principal Taibi will contact parents with new information as it becomes available.

Thomas E. Bowe School – Thomas E. Bowe School $4^{th} - 5^{th}$ graders have been working on packets, while 6^{th} graders are completing online assignments. All teachers have created Google Classroom pages, and it is expected that the school will move to online assignments for ALL grades by March 31. If your household does not have a device/internet connectivity available and you haven't yet let the school know of this issue, please contact Principal Craig Stephenson at <u>cstephenson@gpsd.us</u>.

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Glassboro Intermediate School – Glassboro Intermediate School students will continue to complete assignments on their school-issued laptops through Google Classroom. Student emails to teachers must be sent through their school outlook email addresses. Please check teacher web pages frequently and remain alert for new school messenger messages from Principal Lavonyia Mitchell.

Glassboro High School - Glassboro High School students will continue to complete assignments on their school-issued laptops through Google Classroom. Student emails to teachers must be sent through their school outlook email addresses. Teachers continue to check email twice daily, but GHS teachers will soon introduce virtual office hours as well. Please check teacher web pages frequently and remain alert for new school messenger messages from Principal Monique Stowman-Burke.

Free Breakfast and Lunch Meals Available – The district is offering free breakfast and lunch meal packages at Dorothy L. Bullock School, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Our school district will provide you with updated information if distribution changes.

Again, I want to thank everyone for supporting all students and our school district during this challenging time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your children's teachers for additional information. Most importantly, stay healthy!

Sincerely,

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Mark J. Silverstein Superintendent