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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health and wellness of our staff and students continue to be the first priority of the Readington Township School District. To that end, this letter is to inform you that the Readington Township School District, after consultation with the Hunterdon County Health Department and with all Hunterdon County School Districts, has decided to close for students beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020. All school field trips, after school activities, parent-teacher conferences, and other school events are also postponed. Although we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hunterdon County, we are proactively taking this step to ensure the continued safety of our staff and students. Public health officials advise that social distancing is an effective strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This closure will also allow for additional cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

Our goal is to maintain instructional continuity using virtual means. To this end, your child’s teacher(s) have developed home instruction lessons and activities that can be found online. Using technology to learn for this extended period of time is new to us as a district, and we have worked diligently to provide home instruction that will reinforce concepts learned in school. This is a perfect opportunity to partner with your child in the learning process. Please navigate to your child’s teacher(s) webpage and refer to a letter from your building principal for further information. During this period of virtual learning, email is the preferred communication method for parent-teacher communications.

The chart below illustrates the timeline in which we will be implementing a virtual home instruction format:

Date	Activity
Monday, March 16, 2020	<p>Schools Closed for Students Schools Open for Staff</p> <p>Staff: Full day of professional development and planning for staff. Staff will report at 8:30 a.m. This replaces the March 30 In-service day</p> <p>Families: The staff will be available from the hours of 9 a.m. until noon for parents and students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up personal items from school; • Pick up Chromebooks and other learning materials; • Pick up medication from the nurse; • Receive any other assistance needed during this transition.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020	Schools Closed for Staff and Students Emergency Closure Day/Day will be made up on April 20, 2020. All members of our school community may use this day to make necessary emergency and personal arrangements.
Wednesday, March 18, 2020	Online Home Instruction begins All information regarding the online Home Instruction days will be shared with students and parents by end of day Monday, March 16.
Wednesday, March 25, 2020	Online Home Instruction continues Reevaluation of the current situation with the Department of Health.
Monday, March 30, 2020	Possible reopening of schools for all staff and students Pending the reevaluation of the situation.

If schools are unable to reopen on March 30, 2020, the Readington Schools will remain closed and use online learning through April 9, 2020. Schools will reopen on April 20, 2020, after Spring Break.

Contemplating weeks without a regular school routine can be overwhelming. Please know that we are doing our very best to make decisions that are in the best interest of our entire school community. Consider developing a schedule of online learning and other activities with your child so s/he experiences some regularity. Updates will be posted to the district website as new and relevant information becomes available. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through this difficult situation.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Hart, Ph.D.
Superintendent