

# CORONAVIRUS AND ONLINE LEARNING

**Superintendent Coffee Chat**  
**April 1, 2020**

# HOW DID WE GET HERE? A TIMELINE

March 2 - First letter to parents and faculty.

March 5 - The Commissioner of Education notified school districts that, if closed by the health department, online home instruction would count toward the 180 school day requirement.

March 6 - Superintendent meeting with the Hunterdon County Health Department.

# TIMELINE (CON'T)

March 9 - Second letter to parents. Notification of preparedness measures, including potential closure.

March 11 - Superintendent second meeting with Hunterdon County Health Department. Preparations made for “planning days.” Half day on March 13 and March 16.

March 13 - Parent letter closing school effective March 16.

March 16 - Governor orders all schools in NJ closed by March 18. Executive Order 104.

March 18 - Online Home Instruction begins in Readington.

# ONLINE INSTRUCTION - WHERE WE STARTED (PHASE 1)

Initially, we told staff to prepare for two (2) weeks of online home instruction. These two weeks were meant to have teachers:

- Maintain contact with students;
- Review material;
- Conduct periodic check ins.

We did this when we thought this may be a short term closure. We wanted to keep students engaged. The state of affairs is very different now.

# ONLINE INSTRUCTION - WHAT'S COMING? (PHASE 2)

Our district reevaluated our needs in the event of a more long-term closure. We have moved from keeping students engaged to knowing we have to move instruction forward.

Future instruction is intended to introduce new content, concepts, and skills through virtual means including:

- Zoom;
- Google Meet;
- Screencastify (recorded lessons).

# ONLINE INSTRUCTION - WHAT'S COMING? (CON'T)

In addition to “live” lessons, students will receive supplementary activities, both online and not. Some examples include:

- Journal writing (reading and writing lessons);
- Drawing;
- iReady Math practice;
- IXL math;
- RazKids;
- FlipGrid;
- Other assignments on Google Classroom.

# FUTURE PLANNING (PHASE 3)

We also recognize there are going to be things that we need to discuss and take action upon in the future. Some of this includes:

- Identifying a transition back into school;
- Special events (clap outs, graduation, etc.);
- Grading for 4th Marking Period;
- Assessments (or lack thereof) NJSLA, benchmarks;
- Ordinary operation of the district (budgets, planning for next year, scheduling, hiring, etc.).

# CONTINUED COMMUNICATION AND QUESTIONS

Things are changing and we realize we need to keep you in the loop. You'll receive some communication from us but please know you can contact us as needed.

Weekly Genesis Blasts

Weekly letter/update from the superintendent

Contact the teacher, counselor, or principal

Contact the superintendent

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THANK YOU!