

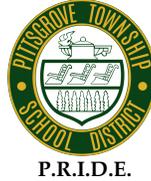
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March 16, 2020

Dear Pittsgrove Parents/Guardians:

Today Governor Murphy gave direction that all schools in the State of NJ will be closed starting no later than Wednesday, March 18th for at least two weeks to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. He indicated in his message that this closure would more than likely be extended beyond the two weeks and that he will follow the guidance of the CDC and the Department of Health recommendations. Schools will not open until it is deemed safe for all students and staff to return.

As part of our process, you will receive these messages on a regular basis to keep you informed. The following information is updated since my Sunday, March 15th message:

Special Education

Per DOE guidance, the Pittsgrove Township School District is prepared to offer instruction to all of our students consistent with their IEP's, and, to the extent possible during this period of time, through packets that were sent home by your child(ren)'s teachers. On a case-by-case basis, we are committed to offering compensatory related services when school resumes its normal schedule and working to adjust IEP's accordingly if needed.

Annual Reviews

Please be advised that if an annual review for your child(ren) has already been scheduled through 3/31/2020, those meetings will be rescheduled. Those annual review meetings scheduled on 4/1/2020 through our return will be conducted through a virtual platform. Information will be forthcoming from case managers and me regarding these meetings.

CST Members/Case Managers

All CST members and case managers will be available daily via email if you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed while the district is closed. We appreciate your patience during this unprecedented time.

Out-of-District Placements

If your student attends an out-of-district placement, you will be contacted by that school if there is a closure, or by transportation if the buses are not running. The out-of-district placement will provide instruction plans for your child. We appreciate your patience during this unprecedented time. Please reach out with any questions to Mrs. Alicia Romolini, Supervisor of Special Education, aromolini@pittsgrove.net.

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Guidance

The guidance department has prepared a limited number of boxes filled with non-perishable food items and personal hygiene packages for district families. If your family is in need of any of these items, Arthur P. Schalick High School will be open on Wednesday and Thursday, March 18th & 19th between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for pick up. If you are unable to come during this time, please email Angela Williams at awilliams@pittsgrove.net with your contact information so we can make arrangements to deliver food boxes to you.

Comcast

Comcast is offering 60 days complimentary internet service for low income residents that do not have broadband in the home through its Internet Essentials program. We wanted to make you aware of this announcement. Please click on the link below for additional information.

<https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/internet-essentials-low-income-broadband-coronavirus-pandemic>

Lunch Option

Effective immediately, in addition to a delivery option, parents of children that qualify for free or reduced lunches in our district may pick up bagged breakfast and lunches each school day at the Arthur P. Schalick High School (outside the auditorium side entrance) from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

ChromeBooks

Based on district surveys, students who identified that they would need access to a computer may pick up a ChromeBook later in the week. A pick-up time and location will be communicated mid-week.

Sincerely,



Dr. Scott Hoopes
Superintendent of Schools

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