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A Letter from the Superintendents to the Community Regarding Social Distancing

The superintendents from the region are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff. Public health officials advise that social distancing is an effective strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. To that end, as of March 16, 2020 all Hunterdon County public schools are closed. The CDC defines **social distancing** as, “remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible.”

We offer this friendly reminder that school is not closed for vacation or holiday; it is closed as a means of social distancing. Without your continued cooperation, the results of these efforts may be moot. We strongly encourage parents to utilize the best practices recommended by health care professionals and for the time being, **if possible**, not allow playdates, parties, sleepovers, or families/friends visits.

We recognize the challenge this may present. It is our hope that these acts will help us do our part to curtail the virus' transmission.

To help parents support their children's continued success throughout the extended health-related school closure we suggest:

- Establish routines and expectations for schoolwork while learning from home
- Monitor communications from your child's teachers, aides or any other school staff
- Begin and end each day with a check-in with your child:
 - What are they learning?
 - What are the expectations for the day?
 - What resources will be required to be successful?
- Engage with your child and discuss what they are learning
- Keep open lines of communication with your child's teachers
- Establish times for quiet and reflection
- Encourage physical activity and exercise apart from public spaces
- Be mindful of your child's stress and worry
- Monitor how much time your child spends online
- Please connect with your child's teacher as needed

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.