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## INFORMATION FOR OUR STUDENTS' PARENTS AS WE PREPARE TO LAUNCH ... "AT-HOME" LEARNING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17th!

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Washington Township Schools,

First and foremost, thank you everyone for your understanding and patience during this unprecedented time. As shared with our families last evening, schools will be closed through April 5 and assessment will be made as to whether or not to open on Monday, April 6th. During this time period, WTS will provide for the continuity of instruction using an "At-Home Learning Model." Our teachers, staff and administrators have been focused on preparing for this mode of instruction and their efforts have been truly outstanding. In the event you were unable to come to your child's school earlier today to pick up instructional materials/personal belongings, please call your school's Main Office on Monday to make arrangements.

During "at-home" learning the school day has been scheduled between 9:00am and 2:00pm with a daily lunch hour between 11:30am and 12:30pm. We will certainly exercise flexibility for our students and their families as this is certainly a new and evolving situation with regard to public health and student learning. Ideally, all students would have home internet access in order to access our District website at [www.wtschools.org](http://www.wtschools.org). However, we are aware and understand that this may not be the case in all homes. In order to plan for the needs of all of our students regardless of the connectivity, the district sent a Blackboard communication to families in order to gather information so as to provide a solution for your individual needs. Please call your child's school if you do NOT have internet access (be sure to leave a voice message if you are calling after school hours).

At present, parents can anticipate that students in grades 3-8 will have a district-provided Chromebook for "at-home" learning purposes. Our K-2 students will have a model of instruction and access to their teachers that is more attuned to their unique needs as primary learners. Worth noting, students are required to follow our [Student Discipline/Code of Conduct](#) and [Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources](#) policies while at home as they would in school. During the closure, parents can expect frequent and ongoing communication from your child's school. That information will articulate the specific availability of your child's teachers each day between the hours of 9am-2pm. Please note: *Teacher instruction, delivery and activities may vary across the district in response to learning needs and grade levels.* Additionally, you may receive a communication from your child's teachers with instruction on how to access the daily home instruction schedule, lessons and activities as needed. Please note that depending on the status of the COVID-19 health concern, school offices may or may not be accessible.

If your child has an Individualized Education Plan, please note that special education teachers and case managers will be available via email for questions or clarification. Related service providers will send materials home for students and will also be available via email for parent consultation. In addition, high school transition conferences that were scheduled for the next two weeks will be

rescheduled after April 6<sup>th</sup> as will Child Study Team meetings. Please contact your child's case manager with any questions or concerns.

While schools are closed, please check all of your child's teachers' websites for information. The school website links are provided below.

[Benedict A. Cucinella School Teacher Websites](#)

[Flocktown-Kossmann School Teacher Websites](#)

[Old Farmers Road School Teacher Websites](#)

[Long Valley Middle School Teacher Websites](#)

### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE!!!**

Daily attendance will be monitored so it is important that you notify the school office in the event your child is not able to participate in "at-home" learning. Our Student Absentee Mailboxes will remain in operation for you to report your child's absence.

Rest assured that our WTS Professional Family is committed to helping our students and families during this unprecedented time. Please continue to communicate with your child's teachers, principals and school personnel as necessary as we work together to support the continuity of instruction and the social/emotional needs of our young people. *"We will get through this ... TOGETHER."*

Thank you, stay healthy, and take care ...



Jeff Mohre  
*Superintendent of Schools*