



UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Tiger Family,

Thank you all for your continued flexibility and support during these difficult times. I would like to offer the community a brief update on our COVID-19 situation. Recently, Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education applied for and were granted approval of a waiver from the USDOE providing relief from federally mandated testing for this school year. Therefore, the state of New Jersey is cancelling all standardized student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window. The cancellation of the NJSLA (formerly PARCC) will not prevent any students from meeting their 8th grade graduation requirements.

Governor Murphy also recently reiterated that the decision to reopen New Jersey schools will come from his office. Governor Murphy's direction to close schools follows the March 16, 2020, [Executive Order No. 104](#), which stated that schools would stay closed as long as the Executive Order stays in place. To comply with the Governor's order:

- The District will remain closed until directed to open. Our local law enforcement has asked us to remind the community that this also includes the use of our outdoor recreational facilities. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.
- The originally scheduled spring break will remain as planned. As a reminder spring break begins Friday, April 10th and ends Friday, April 17th. Following the break, remote learning will resume on Monday, April 20th.
- The District will continue to use a combination of methods to deliver home instruction. Parents and students should use communication from their classroom teacher(s) to receive learning links, directions, and instruction.
- Beginning, April 20th, the District will move towards a full remote learning environment. This will include a structured daily schedule that takes into account our students' level of development. Details will be forthcoming.



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- Staff will continue to focus on offering students meaningful feedback, guidance, and support. Numerical grades will not be given during remote learning.
 - The District will continue to deliver meals to eligible families.

We have personally reached out to several families who are struggling with connectivity. If you are still in need of assistance with internet connection, please do not hesitate to reach out at ndiaz@uniontwpschool.org. If you are still in need of a device to support your child's remote learning, please reach out to the building principal as soon as possible. The resiliency of our students, families, and staff members has been truly inspirational. Thank you for all that you are doing. Previous district communications regarding COVID-19 can be accessed [here](#).

Yours in education,

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