



Clinton Township School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The past two weeks have certainly been challenging for everyone. During this time, the staff has been committed to providing your child with continuous instruction. As promised, the district will continue to provide you with information as it becomes available.

State Testing

This week, Governor Phil Murphy and the NJ Department of Education recently applied 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 statewide 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.

Continued School Closure

The pandemic situation has shown increased cases throughout New Jersey. This has led the Governor to place additional restrictions on movement within the state last weekend. **Our district is implementing plans to remain closed until we receive notification from state or county officials to do otherwise.** As per the Governor, schools will be closed for a period yet to be determined by the governor's office. You can read the [Governor's Executive Order #104 here](#) and [Order #107 here](#).

New Instruction

The school closure has our district staff re-evaluating how we deliver new content, concepts and skills in an online format. In the coming weeks, you will see teachers begin to introduce new concepts through virtual learning. Information about the changes to instruction will be coming. This is new territory for our staff, and we are providing online training and support as they make this transition. Please be patient as we continue to work out our delivery format. We thank you for your continued patience and support during this time period.

Respectfully,

Dr. Michele Cone

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