



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Essential Employee List added

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To: Ewing School Community
Fr: Michael Nitti, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Ewing Schools Public Health-Related School Closure Plan

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding as we navigate the COVID-19 Coronavirus crisis.

In a broadcast memo *"Guidance Regarding Requirements for Public Health-Related School Closure"* dated March 5th, 2020; the New Jersey Department of Education encouraged school districts to develop a school health-related closure preparedness plan related to concerns of the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Our priority at the Ewing Schools is always the health and safety of our students. This will drive any decisions we make, in collaboration with public health officials, regarding our school operations. We also recognize the vital role that schools have in a community, in a myriad of complex aspects, and know how important it is that schools are open to serve our students.

As you most likely know, schools are required by law to have 180 days of school for students. According to the broadcast memo, *"In the event a board of education is provided a written directive by either the NJDOH or the health officer of the jurisdiction to institute a public-health related closure, the (district) may utilize home instruction to provide services to students."* The correspondence goes on to state that home instruction consistent with standards clarified by the state will count towards the 180-day requirement for school.

In accordance with the terms of this guidance, the Ewing Schools has developed the following framework with regard to the prospect of a health-related closure:

Tier I Approach: Use of Weather Emergency Days

If school is closed for a short-term duration **by the district administration** due to public health concerns we will simply proceed in accordance with traditional weather-related closures. Remember, the only way for a day when school is not "traditionally open" to count towards the 180-day mandate is if we were directed to shut down by public health officials.

As of this writing we have not used the two weather emergency days built into the calendar. If necessary, the district will first use these two weather emergency days. If a third day is needed for closure, we would then make the designated professional development day of April 23rd an early dismissal day for students. If more

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than three Tier I days are used prior to Spring Break, we would implement early dismissal school days on the following dates as needed:

- Monday, April 6th
- Tuesday, April 7th
- Wednesday, April 8th
- Thursday, April 9th

If school is closed for a short-term duration **by state public health officials**, and thus eligible to count towards the 180 day requirement with acceptable home instruction, a decision will be made by the district administration to use either a Tier I or Tier II approach based upon the length of the closure and other factors.

Tier II Approach: District Developed Online Home Instruction Days

If school is closed by state public health officials, the district may implement district developed home instruction in accordance with state guidelines that meet the standards towards the 180 days of school mandate.

The district currently has three days of district developed online home instruction lessons that were created by stakeholders with relevance and expertise ready for implementation. These home instruction activities are organized by grade-level and/or subject area, are aligned with curriculum standards and will be made available on the district website through a portal:

<https://sites.google.com/ewingboe.org/ewinghealthpreparednessplan/home>

The learning activities are aligned with state expectations for home instruction and will be evaluated by educators upon the resumption of school.

If a student is unable to access the portal, please contact the appropriate remote learning coordinators listed below to receive a paper packet of the home instruction activities.

Notes about Tier II Approach: District Developed Online Home Instruction Days

- Specific developmentally-appropriate lessons and modified activities have been designed for special education students.
- Packaged food in accordance with government standards for eligible students will be available at each district school for pick-up.

Tier III Approach: Virtual Interactive Learning Days

If school is closed by state public health officials for an extended duration of time, the Ewing Schools will move to Virtual Interactive Learning.

Essentially, the Ewing Schools will be open online from 9:00AM to 1:30PM daily during designated school days with the goal of each staff member fulfilling their role to provide a high quality education to our students.

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Teachers will design and implement learning activities for their students via Google Classroom or posting on the Genesis Parent Portal. All certified staff members will be available during this time to engage and support students via technology such as Google Hangout or more traditional approaches such as email and phone. Our counselors, child study team members and other student-support staff will continue to service the needs of their students through these platforms. The emphasis will be on the designing of flexible but meaningful instruction and assessment for the continuity of learning during this crisis.

If the district moves to a Tier III Approach: Virtual Interactive Learning Days, we will provide Chromebooks to any student who needs one for the duration of the closure. If internet access is not available at home for the student, we will explore other possibilities to provide it, or give the student a supplementary home instruction packet.

Please contact the appropriate remote learning coordinator for information or questions.

Notes about Tier III Approach: Virtual Interactive Learning Day

- Packaged food in accordance with government standards for eligible students will be available at each district school for pick-up.

In closing, if we have to adopt this approach due to public health concerns we will most certainly be entering uncharted territory. There will be challenges but I can assure you that all the educators of the Ewing Schools will work very hard to make this experience as educationally meaningful and beneficial as possible. Our staff is dedicated to their students, and I know our school community will work together to effectively navigate this crisis.

Thank you to the many people involved in the design of this approach.

Remote Learning Program Coordinators:

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Ewing Public Schools Essential Employees:

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Michael Nitti – Superintendent

Dr. Danita Ishibashi – Assistant Superintendent

Dennis Nettleton – Business Administrator

Deb Cabell-Case – Head Bookkeeper Payroll

Nicole Sebasto – Head Bookkeeper Budgets

Theresa Hullings – Confidential Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Ewing High School:

Mr. Edward Chmiel – Principal

Mr. Clifford 'Kip' Harrison – Assistant Principal

Ms. Shalieka Jarrett – Assistant Principal

Dr. Karen Allen – Director of Counseling Services & Assessment

Tarmie Matlack – Supervising Secretary

Kath Rose – Supervising Secretary

Fisher Middle School:

Dr. Maggy Hanna – Principal

Kathy Vereen – Supervising Secretary

O'Brien Academy:

Dave Hauserman - Supervisor

Antheil Elementary School:

Chuck Welsh – Interim Principal

Antonietta Craig – Secretary

Jennifer Gregg - Secretary

Lore Elementary School:

Kelly Kawalek – Principal

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Brenda O'Callaghan – Secretary
Elizabeth Sulton - Secretary

Parkway Elementary School:

Nicole Harris – Principal
Nancy Niezgoda – Secretary
Jemora Bolling Epifanio – Office Assistant

School Security Coordinators:

Donald Ellison – Ewing High School Security Coordinator
Brian Parker – Fisher Middle School & O'Brien Academy School Security Coordinator
John 'Jay' Shaler – Antheil Elementary School Security Coordinator
Moses Knott – Lore Elementary School Security Coordinator
Matthew Knight – Parkway School Security Coordinator

Gusz Building:

Harry Louth – Director of Special Service, Operations & Grants
Anthony Brunell – Director Facilities
Jeremy Mitchel – Custodial Supervisor
Lewis Doczy – Grounds Supervisor
David Archer – Maintenance Supervisor
Miguel Rodriguez – Warehouse Supervisor
Laura Adams – Secretary to Director of Facilities

Custodians:

Michael Knapp – Ewing High School Head Custodian
Allen Primus – Ewing High School Assistant Lead Custodian
Steve Garay – Fisher Middle School Head Custodian
Cary Leftridge – Fisher Middle School Assistant Lead Custodian
Fernando Galliano – Antheil Head Custodian
Alexander Samayoa – Antheil Assistant Lead Custodian
Ryan O'Connor – Lore Head Custodian
Arthur Chapman – Lore Assistant Lead Custodian
Mark Sicignano – Parkway Head Custodian

Food Services Department:

Alyssa Pernice – Director Food Services
Brianna Sconiers – Food Services Secretary

Food Services Workers:

Kristin Yates – Food Services Manager Lore School
Diana Sabo – Food Services Manager Parkway School

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Technology Department:

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Gary Obornik – Technology Technician
James Pankiewicz – Technology Technician
Jim Sheppard – Technology Technician
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