



Howell Township Public Schools

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Dear Members of the Howell Township Community:

As tomorrow begins spring break for the Howell Township Public Schools, I hope this communication finds you and your family well and managing to stay safe. We once again would like to thank you for your amazing partnership, as we continue to navigate this new, but temporary, normal. It is worth noting that while there is no environment that can replace the face-to-face interaction between our school staff and our students, we are continuing to refine our remote learning practices in an effort to meet the many challenges that our children and families are facing at this time.

The COVID-19 situation remains very fluid and is evolving on a daily basis. To that end, Governor Murphy continues to make decisions with his team in an effort to flatten the curve of this pandemic. He has recently reiterated that schools will be closed indefinitely and he will continue to assess the data and information available to him to make the most informed decision regarding schools. Based on that information, the Howell Township Public Schools will follow the State's directive and remain in our remote learning environment indefinitely.

The District is currently finalizing grading procedures for the third trimester which will be shared with our community upon our return. We are working through the final details to ensure that the process is fair and equitable to all students, while balancing student accountability with the challenges of the remote learning environment. We hope that you will encourage your children to utilize the break to ensure that they are current with any outstanding assignments.

The district has provided a list of resources that you may find helpful during the break, should you choose to keep your children engaged in learning activities. We encourage you to visit the link for more information on these resources. Please continue to check the links throughout spring break, as we will be updating the list of resources.

Parent Resources/Materials: <https://bit.ly/3bVKVZE>

Virtual Field Trips: <https://bit.ly/2xXFivl>

We hope that this break provides our community with the opportunity to unplug and take a breath from what has been a fast-paced and intense three weeks. While we have stated on many occasions that there is no substitute for traditional schooling, we are choosing to view this situation through an optimistic lens. Our hope is that our students are gaining life experiences that will help shape them to become a generation that values empathy and might just be the one to save us from the next crisis.

Please remain healthy and safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Isola". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "I".

Joseph Isola

Superintendent of Schools