March 13, 2020

Dear Members of the Howell Community,

In consultation with the Monmouth County Department of Health and Monmouth County Department of Education, **Monday, March 16, Howell Township Public Schools will now be closed for a FULL DAY staff in-service (this is an update from yesterday's announcement). On Tuesday, March 17, the District will officially enact our remote learning plans. This means students will not report to school.** They will begin to access their learning materials and home learning assignments via internet access and/or paper-based assignments sent home. Information will continue to be posted on the district website, via email or sent through verified social media accounts. The remote learning plan will be in place for all staff and students **effective through Sunday, March 29.** While facilities will be open to staff only while the remote learning plan is enacted. We will continually monitor and evaluate the length of facility closures while following guidelines provided by our public health officials. Rest assured, we will do what is best for this great community and the students we serve.

Our staff members are committed to the students of this district and do not take our responsibilities lightly. As shared in other communications, the remote office hours for staff will be Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM through 2:00 PM. Students and parents will be able to contact staff during those hours. Staff will also be posting assignments, providing feedback, and communicating with colleagues.

As of today, Friday March 13, all afterschool, evening, and weekend activities will be either cancelled or postponed. All facility use events and rental activities will be cancelled. Athletic practices and competitions will be cancelled until further notice.

Please visit our COVID-19 Website for updates and information.

Sincerely,

Joseph Isola
Superintendent of Schools