



Kimberly J. Schneider, Ed. D.
Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 and continuing for a two week period through Friday March 27, 2020, Mercer County Special Services School District (MCSSSD) will operate on a virtual/remote learning platform. Students will not report to school for face-to-face instruction but will be learning from home with support from their teachers.

This decision, although difficult for our families, was made in collaboration with the county health officer and Mercer County superintendents and based upon growing research that indicates that social distancing is the only strategy that currently impacts the eventual spread of COVID-19. Therefore, the best time to close schools is before this spread happens.

Learning Packets were sent home with students on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in your student's backpack. Please be sure to check your student's backpack for this important information. If your student was absent, packets will be mailed home as soon as possible.

Teachers can be reached via email with questions regarding the packets.

Following the two week period MCSSSD will re-evaluate the need to continue with the virtual/remote learning based on guidance from our public health officials.

Please note that the district is in the process of organizing meals for our students who participate in the Federal lunch program. Information regarding pick-up will be forthcoming.

MCSSSD will continue to keep you informed so please check our website frequently and listen for robocalls from MCSSSD.

Thank you for continued patience and understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly J. Schneider".

Kimberly J. Schneider, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools