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Dear TCCS Community,

As you may have seen in the media, there has been increased talk of the possibility for mandated school closures tied to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus in the country and in our area, in particular.

In regards to this, the NJ Department of Education has recently released requirements regarding potential health-related (COVID-19) school closures. The guidance emphasizes that the most important thing for schools to do now is plan and prepare. The NJDOE communication states, "schools may be asked to close preemptively or reactively, therefore schools should be making plans for what to do if there are recommendations for closing schools or cancelling events."

With this in mind, our administration and staff have begun developing an emergency home instruction plan, which will be submitted to the NJ Department of Education this week. With a plan in place, if the school needs to close because the health department orders us to, those days would count towards the 180 day requirement and would not need to be "made up" over spring break or summer.

Our emergency public health-related school closure plan will consist of a blend of online instruction using tools that students are already familiar with (E-mail, Google Classroom, Pearson, Achieve 3000 / Smarty Ants, Discovery Education, IXL, etc.) and in the case of our younger students and some of our specials classes, packets of assignments that could be sent home ahead of time and returned once school reopens.

Related service accommodations and modifications will be taken into consideration, with the help of our Special Services department, following guidance that we continue to receive from the NJDOE.

Our staff will be organizing and compiling these materials and resources throughout this week, so that we are prepared, should the need arise for school closures.

In order to appropriately plan for any potential health related closing, we are asking that you participate in a very brief survey to help us gather information about the availability of home devices and internet access for our students. Please click [HERE](#) to complete the survey by this Wednesday, March 11.

We thank you, in advance, for your help as we navigate this unique situation and do our best to be as proactive as possible. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Otherwise, more specific information will be shared if the need to close should actually arise.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Ralph Gallo
Lead Person / Director