



# TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear TCCS Community,

I hope that everyone is doing well. Many thanks to all of the parents and students who contributed to the Teacher Appreciation video that was shared this morning. We received many messages from our teachers and staff who were surprised and thrilled to see their students' faces. Thank you for helping us put together a fitting tribute.

This afternoon, Governor Murphy announced that school buildings would remain closed until at least the end of the academic year. As a result, we will be continuing with our distance learning program for the remainder of our 2019-2020 school year, which will conclude on Friday, June 19. Please note, as we had two unused emergency days, there will be no virtual instruction from May 22-26, which includes Memorial Day.

Decisions regarding summer programs will be coming from the Department of Education in the coming weeks. They will also be providing guidance regarding the eventual opening of our building for the 2020-2021 school year, with the understanding that the school day may need to look significantly different than we are used to when our students and faculty finally get to return.

In this afternoon's press conference, Governor Murphy and Commissioner Repollet also advised that they intend to work with schools to provide opportunities to safely celebrate the Class of 2020. Once we have more information on this, we will share, as we fully intend to recognize and celebrate our 8th graders in a safe and appropriate manner to ensure that this is a memorable and positive final year for them at TCCS. In the meantime, thank you for your patience.

We understand that the continuation of our distance learning program is far from optimal and we all look forward to a time when we can safely resume in-person instruction. However, until then, we appreciate the hard work and cooperation that our entire community of teachers, students, and parents has shown in making the best of this situation. We will continue to get through this together.

Please stay safe, healthy, and positive and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Ralph Gallo  
Lead Person / Director