

# Montgomery Township School District

*Creating confident, compassionate, and successful learners*

Our district's number one priority continues to be the health and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff members. Though we currently have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery Township, as you know, we have been proactively preparing to continue delivery of instruction through distance learning. The New Jersey Department of Education has indicated that if we have a plan in place for consistent home instructional services while closed, such days would still count toward our 180-day requirement.

Public health officials continue to advise that social distancing is the most effective strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We recognize that school closures will create challenges for our families and our community, but we also recognize our responsibility to address this public health concern. In an effort to meet this responsibility, the district schools will be closed for all students on Friday, March 13, 2020. In addition, we will be closing our buildings and implementing a distance learning plan effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020. Students will be given direction as to how to complete their schoolwork from home. All field trips, school events, and activities are postponed, effective Friday, March 13, 2020. During this time, email is the official mode of communication in the district. We ask that you email any staff member directly if you have questions. Email addresses are the first initial of the person's first name followed by the last name @[mtsd.us](mailto:mtsd.us). Telephone communication as an initial means of communication will not be supported during this time.

We appreciate your support and understanding of this decision. We will follow up with the details of our distance learning plans and expectations for students. We will continue to maintain regular communication with our local public health official and with our learning community during this period of distance learning. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Mary E. McLoughlin  
Acting Superintendent  
Montgomery Township School District