



## **Superintendent Message on 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Distance Learning: April 3, 2020**

### **Third Week of Distance Learning**

April 3, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

We have completed our third week of distance learning-congratulations and thank you for your continued efforts and assisting us in providing instruction to our students remotely. It's important for us all to acknowledge that this new way of engaging in education has been exciting but also taxing on our students, parents and staff who are all operating under new conditions at home.

The continued feedback remains positive. We are in a routine now, with our students and teachers making regular connections. Our parents' awareness and oversight of our children using their technology at home begs a consistent headline in our correspondence and communication, as our students' internet and electronic media safety practices are outside our district's internet protections. Parents and guardians, please monitor your children's access and activity on their electronic devices; their teachers do not have the ability to see what they are doing while at home.

The correspondence I shared with you on March 27, 2020, included a directive that New Jersey Superintendents received from the Commission of Education to refrain from speculating on anticipated dates for reopening, as per the Governor of New Jersey. The earliest Governor Murphy will provide guidance on the status of the opening of New Jersey schools will be Friday, April 17, 2020. Therefore, the Montgomery Township School District will remain on distance learning until further guidance from Governor Murphy.

As more time passes, it is important for us to acknowledge that the children are missing their social interactions with their friends, classmates and teachers. This is normal and to be expected. However, we must all continue practicing distancing as per the guidance we have been given from the health professionals in order to remain healthy and keep others safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

**Mary E. McLoughlin**

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In addition to public resources found on our webpage, the list of school counselors can be found on this link:

<https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/Page/17108>