

March 21, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff:

Out of an abundance of caution, as of this Monday, the West Deptford School District Administration and Administrative support staff will be telecommuting. Only employees deemed essential to maintain and secure our buildings will be present.

Our instructional staff members have done an outstanding job this week extending creative ways to continue learning. As we enter the next phase, we are paving the way for virtual schooling in our lower grades and formulating plans to make that happen should the District closure continue. As we close our offices for safety, our Administration and support staff will strive to remain as effective working remotely. It is simply amazing how teaching and learning continues to evolve as our school buildings remain closed. Our students and staff should be commended for the way in which they are making the best of this difficult time.

In order to ensure we maintain our high level of connectivity with our school community during this time in which staff are not quickly able to answer phone calls, we are providing email addresses for more effective communication. Please visit our website at www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us under "[Contact](#)" for specific information. Administration and Administrative support staff will monitor all messages daily and respond promptly. Of course, the way in which students and parents regularly email staff is ongoing and we encourage you to continue to communicate directly with teachers, counselors, case managers, and administration if needed.

As you already know, schools are officially closed until March 27. As this pandemic does not seem to be slowing, we are starting to plan what the learning will look like past March 27. We expect an official notice early next week concerning our status past March 27. At this time, we are planning our transition for grades 1-4 to online learning. Next week, we will release information on how we will distribute devices and continue the learning for our youngest students.

We will continue to update our District website with vital information as it pertains to technology, communication, and any other school closure details under the "[COVID-19 Information](#)" and "[Distance Learning Information](#)" sections.

Please continue to be safe and care for one another during this pandemic. Go Eagles!!

Sincerely,

Greg Cappello
Superintendent of Schools