

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear SPF Community,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the evolving circumstances of COVID-19.

There are currently no known cases of COVID-19 in Scotch Plains or Fanwood but in an abundance of concern for our students and staff, beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, all Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools will be closed until further notice. All extracurricular activities are canceled as well.

During this closing, our administrators, principals, supervisors and teachers have put plans in place for at-home learning activities for our students. By the end of the day today, posted on our district website, <https://www.spfk12.org> under the "Our District and Community" tab, will be at-home learning resources for the next two weeks. The resources will be organized by grade from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4, and through Google Classroom for students in Grades 5-12. These learning resources are intended to reinforce, maintain and extend learning that has been taught in school, and to meet New Jersey Department of Education's home instruction requirement. Should it be necessary to keep schools closed beyond the next two weeks, additional at-home learning resources will be posted.

Parent-teacher and student-teacher communication is important during this time of closure. Parents and students are encouraged to email any questions about assignments or progress to their teachers. Teachers will respond by the end of the next school day. Administrators will be working on your behalf as well, and are available by email for consultation or advisement as needed.

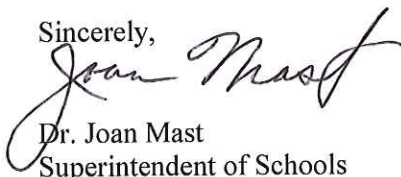
If your student is sick and is unable to work on their assignment, you should call your student's school to have their absence recorded.

We want to emphasize that we are in a state of public health emergency and want to reinforce following health guidelines developed by the CDC which include discouraging children and teens from gathering in other public places while school is dismissed to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

We recognize that these closures may bring challenges to our families and community but appreciate your cooperation as we all work together during this unprecedented time.

We will continue to keep you updated as further information becomes available.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools