

# The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community,

Thank you for your patience and assistance through our first week of At-Home Learning. We have seen many instances of student success and we have received some feedback about challenges as well. We value your feedback; please know that we are striving to make At-Home Learning meaningful for our students and manageable for families. We understand that many parents are working while trying to support their child's or children's learning.

As government and health officials continue to navigate the challenges we face during this unsettled time, it appears certain that we will need to extend the length of school closure beyond March 27th. The At-Home Learning Plans originally provided on March 13th will remain in effect until March 27th. At any time that you or your child require assistance, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

Please remember that Social Distancing requires children to interact with their families only. They should not be engaging with their friends or other neighborhood families.

We are currently working on plans for At-Home Learning during an extended school closure, which would begin as of March 30th. We will send you more information about that when it is complete, next week.

Please be advised that, beginning March 30th, At-Home Learning will include the use of Google Classroom at all levels beginning with Pre-Kindergarten. This means that all students will need access to a computer and the internet. While we wish to offer families as much flexibility as possible, we also wish to provide more structure so that students can maintain meaningful learning over time, and Google Classroom allows us to do that.

**If you are in need of a computer or internet access so that your child can complete At-Home Learning beginning March 30th, please contact your school principal as soon as possible, but no later than 5 PM on Sunday, March 22nd.**

All of us at Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools value your partnership as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for your children during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joan V. Mast  
Superintendent of Schools