

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community,

I hope this letter finds everyone optimistic and eager to adjust to the newly structured at-home learning experiences.

As we continue to work together to engage in teaching and learning in partnership in families, I love hearing the positive stories that we are all sharing. Despite our self-quarantine the community is alive with colors and sounds! Students are creating pictures for their windows and displaying positive messages through driveway art. Student musicians are filling the air with music at 2:30 every Tuesday and Thursday. Creative teachers have designed a giant virtual schoolhouse that holds 5,500 students and as we look out the window, we see bus drivers delivering lunches to students. This, and so much more, is what makes us #SPFProud!

We need to be reminded of these moments as we remember that we are living through unprecedented times. We have seen the numbers of COVID-19 cases increase statewide, county wide, and now within our school community. In order to respect the privacy of students, families and staff, I am unable to share individual stories of those affected, but I can share that various members of our community have tested positive for COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this time.

As teaching continues in this new landscape, we all miss the bustle of lively hallways and classrooms. While online learning cannot replace live classroom experiences, we are grateful for our capacity to continue education while supporting each other.

We will continue to monitor our circumstances and are here to support our school community.

Be well,

Dr. Joan V. Mast
Superintendent of Schools