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Rockaway Borough School District Corona Virus Update March 20, 2020

Good evening Parents and Families,

I hope this communication finds you all healthy, well and safe during this very trying and unprecedented time.

As we conclude this first week of distance learning, I just wanted to thank you all for your overwhelming support in helping us implement this initiative especially in such short notice due to the state mandated health closure.

While news regarding the coronavirus continues to change locally, within the state and on the national level, please know that our number one priority is to provide your children with relevant learning opportunities and much needed continuity of instruction during the closure. Here are several important things to know after this very crucial first week:

- As of Wednesday, March 18, the governor has closed all schools in New Jersey indefinitely until further notice.
- With that said, our teachers and staff will continue to implement distance learning for the district via our Distance Learning Site which is accessible on our district website www.rockboro.org. Besides all the grade level folders containing instructional guidelines, there is a wealth of resources for students, parents and families which we help will support you during the closure.
- Every day teachers and staff are adding new materials, resources and lessons as well as modifying previous posts to best serve the needs of all students.
- While your personal situations may also may be challenging, please continue to support and monitor your child's or children's progress daily and use your best judgement regarding the completion of assignments. Make sure they sign in each morning by 9:00am and if you have any concerns, please reach out to staff as they are available daily to help students and answer their or your questions.
- Also monitor their online presence as it is very important that while they are using Chromebooks or other devices for instruction, that they make safe and smart decisions while logged in.
- And most importantly, take care of yourselves and your families as this is a time of great turmoil and we want to make sure our entire Rockaway Borough family is safe and healthy when we are able to be together again.

I will continue to post updates on the district website so please continue to check it periodically. Remember, as our distance website says, "We've got it" and "We have you" as well.

As always, stay safe and healthy.

Best regards,

Phyllis Alpaugh
Superintendent