



Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools

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Good afternoon, Parsippany Families.

I hope this Friday letter finds your family healthy and safe. We are now 23 days into Distance Learning. Whew! We all recognize what a challenge this is and applaud your hard work, your ability to juggle multiple priorities, and your special care for your children at this time.

While we await further direction by May 15 from Governor Murphy, here are some items we can share at this point:

- ∂ Our next ½ Inservice Day will be Friday, May 8. The ½ Inservice Day is intended to provide staff with time to articulate with grade level/department colleagues, plan with paraprofessionals and special education teachers, get up to speed on new technology, and develop lesson plans for the coming week.
- ∂ We are developing a Re-Entry Plan that provides for several scenarios for the re-opening of school. We don't have information yet about whether schools will re-open in May/June or September, and we are anticipating social distancing requirements, preventative health measures, and the potential for Distance Learning should outbreaks occur in the fall/winter. More information will be shared as it is available.
- ∂ Families who qualify for Free/Reduced Meals may pick up at Parsippany Hills High School and Parsippany High School on **Monday (for two days of meals) and Wednesday (for three days of meals)** between 11:00 a.m. and noon. If your family is unable to pick up a meal at these locations, please speak with your school principal and we will make other arrangements for you.
- ∂ Our principals are generating alternate plans for Commencement, National Honor Society Induction, and other important celebrations in the event we are unable to gather in person. While you have likely seen "Teacher Parades" and similar activities on the news, these conflict with the Governor's directives about unnecessary travel and pose a safety and health risk. Any plans we create will adhere to safety guidelines and be well-communicated.

We all want to be strong parents and leaders for our families. It's perfectly okay, however, to ask for help. Our school counselors, administrators, and teachers are available to assist you and are just an e-mail or phone call away. There are additional resources available through the [Morris County Education Partnership](#).

With best wishes for your continued good health,

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