



## *Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools*

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Good afternoon, Parsippany Families.

I hope this letter finds you all well and managing this crisis with a positive Parsippany attitude. Our school community has been working hard to support our students and families. Our educators are assigning relevant academic work, we provided more than a hundred devices and hotspots to families in need, we are providing breakfast and lunch for nearly 400 children who are eligible for federal Free and Reduced Meals, and our parent community is navigating this new territory – and, it's A LOT! – with heads held high. Hang on! Our children take their cues from the adults around them. Now, more than ever, is the time for us all to maintain our composure, lead our families, and celebrate bright spots in each day. Please know that there are resources available to assist should you feel overwhelmed or in need of counseling. The [Morris County Education Partnership](#) has an extensive list of resources to provide mental health support, family support, and hotlines.

Here are a few items for your awareness:

- ∂ Spring Break is Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10. We will pause Distance Learning during this week; teachers will not assign lessons or be available for instruction. Please enjoy a much-needed break.
- ∂ Families who qualify for Free/Reduced Meals may pick up at Parsippany Hills High School and Parsippany High School on Monday through Friday 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.
- ∂ There have been many discussions at the county and state level about how long schools may remain closed. We should be prepared to be closed for **at least** all of April and will await further guidance from the NJ Department of Education and the Governor's Office. Any decisions about proms, graduation, etc. are being postponed until we know more.
- ∂ The NJ Department of Education has communicated that state testing will be cancelled for this spring.
- ∂ Finally, we would appreciate it if you would take this survey [Parent Survey](#) to share your feedback on Distance Learning.

Your needs as a family come first, so please speak directly with our school leaders if you and your family are having difficulty keeping up or managing all of your work and family obligations as you remain at home.

Wishing you well,

Dr. Barbara Sargent  
Superintendent of Schools

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