

A message from MONROE TWP

Dear Monroe Community,

As I am sure you have already heard, Governor Murphy has now closed all schools as of Wednesday, March 18. Therefore, all of our schools are closed including essential personnel until further notice.

Remote learning will begin for all students and staff on Wednesday, March 18. Please refer to the information you have already received from your building principals and teachers regarding lessons. All students should be engaging with the work each day. If your child is unable to participate, please register the absence in Genesis. I am asking that all parents and students be patient during this time. Our staff has worked diligently to create lessons for the online environment in a short period of time. I am sure there will be bumps in the road. Please reach out to teachers directly if you have any questions about the work. Also, with so many students utilizing online systems, they are having some difficulty keeping up with the demand. Please be patient as we all work through this.

For all students who receive free or reduced lunch: If you are in need of lunch during the remote learning days, please email your principal by 9:30am each morning. Lunches will be brought to you daily by our township. When you email, please include your name, school and address. Also, there is information about our local food banks available on our website. Here are the emails for building principals:

Monroe Township HS, Dr. Kevin Higgins, kevin.higgins@monroe.k12.nj.us
Monroe Township MS, Ms. Chari Chanley, chari.chanley@monroe.k12.nj.us
Applegarth School, Ms. Dawn Graziano, dawn.graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us
Barclay Brook School, Ms. Erinn Mahoney, erinn.mahoney@monroe.k12.nj.us
Brookside School, Mr. Antonio Pepe, Antonio.pepe@monroe.k12.nj.us
Mill Lake School, Ms. Kristen Mignoli, Kristen.mignoli@monroe.k12.nj.us
Oak Tree School, Ms. Patricia Dinsmore, patricia.dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
Woodland School, Ms. Samantha McCloud, Samantha.mccloud@monroe.k12.nj.us

One of our requirements as a board of education is to create and present a preliminary budget for the 2020-2021 school year and submit it to the county by this Friday. To complete this task and ensure we are meeting the requirement, we will be having an abridged board of education meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Barclay Brook gym and will be limited to very few people. The agenda will be limited to priority items only. The preliminary budget presentation will be posted on the district website for your review. If you have any questions, please feel free to use the email address listed for budget questions and we will respond to you. Please note that the budget does not cut any current programs or services.

Again, thank you all for your anticipated cooperation as we navigate this challenge.

Thank you.

Dr. Dori Alvich

Superintendent of Schools