

A message from MONROE TWP

Happy Friday, Monroe!

At this week's board meeting, the Board approved the district calendar change for the last unused snow day. Next Friday, May 22, the district will be closed and there will be no remote learning. This will make Memorial Day weekend a long weekend. I hope the weather is nice enough for us to enjoy.

As a district, we are creating plans to close out the schools. We will be asking our staff to go into their rooms and clean out student desks and lockers. You will get specific information from your child's school about dropping off/picking up supplies and textbooks. The district has to set up a schedule to ensure we are keeping our staff safe and to practice social distancing. When a teacher goes into her classroom for the day of clean out, it will be a catch up/wellness day for their classes. Teachers will communicate directly with their classes about this.

Also, at this week's board meeting, the Board passed a resolution to ask the community to participate in a letter writing campaign opposing current proposed legislation. We are encouraging our community to contact their elected officials and ask them NOT TO support the current version of bills S-2392/A-3969, which allows the municipal governments to extend/delay the dates for the payment of taxes by a municipality to a county, a school district, or any other taxing district due to COVID-19 hardship. On Thursday, the bills passed and it is now on Governor Murphy's desk. I have attached a sample letter and contact information for Governor Murphy. This information is also available on the district website.

The NJDOE has asked us to provide all families with information about the availability of [2NDFLOOR](#). 2NDFLOOR Youth Helpline is fully operational and can offer support to NJ youth by text/phone and message boards 24 hours a day. The majority of their recent contacts have been connected to stress and worries about the COVID-19 virus and functioning through this period. Their staff is prepared and able to offer support and resources specific to the virus and any other issue or concern that may be presented.

Hopefully, we can enjoy the spring weather this weekend.

Stay well!

Dr. Alvich

Superintendent of Schools