



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Over the past six weeks, we have closely monitored the outbreak of COVID-19 and continue to be alarmed by the potential threat this virus presents to the health and well-being of our school community. One-by-one, area school districts throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware have closed. On Saturday, after much deliberation with Superintendents from all of Gloucester County Schools, we have collectively decided to follow suit.

Therefore, beginning Monday, March 16th, be advised that the Kingsway Regional and South Harrison Twp. Elementary Schools will close to students for a minimum of two weeks. We will continue to monitor and assess the threat this pandemic presents to our school community, as well as consult with the Gloucester County Department of Health, and make decisions about when students are to return to school without risk to their health and well-being.

Monday, March 16 th	In-Service Day for Faculty & Staff; No Students
	Students to pick up books, belongings (12-6 pm)
Tuesday, March 17 th	Virtual Learning Program begins; Schools are closed to students, faculty and staff; Essential & Administrative Staff Report

Kingsway's Virtual Learning Program: In the meantime, Kingsway and South Harrison Twp.'s schools are prepared to deliver virtual instruction via Google Classroom. *Kingsway's Virtual Learning Program* will count toward our 180-day school calendar and details regarding this program will be sent separately. For planning purposes, Kingsway and South Harrison's spring recess, scheduled for Monday April 6 – 13th will not be interrupted.

Students to Pick up Books and Personal Belongings: Students will be permitted to return to school on Monday, March 16th, between 12 – 6:00 p.m. to pick up books and personal items from their lockers. Additionally, students who qualified to borrow a district-issued Chromebook will have the opportunity to pick up on Monday. Details to follow.

Athletics and Activities are canceled: All scheduled school events, competitions and athletics are canceled during the school closure. Moreover, we are notifying community groups/organizations scheduled to use our indoor facilities that their events will be cancelled.

Free/Reduced Lunch Program: Students who qualify for our free/reduced lunch program will continue to receive lunch during the school closure and a separate notification will be sent on Monday.

Home of the Dragons

As stated in previous correspondence, we will continue to monitor the outbreak of this virus and our school community is advised that our plans may change accordingly. Be advised that we reserve the right to extend this school closing, in favor of our Virtual Learning Program, to help prevent the spread of this virus and ensure that we are doing our part in keeping our students, faculty, and staff safe.

You can monitor updates on our website by clicking the link [HERE](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. If you would like to talk to a qualified healthcare professional, the NJ Department of Health has established a 24-Hour Public Hotline at **1-800-222-1222**.

Very truly yours,



Dr. James J. Lavender
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