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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Tomorrow the district will launch its distance learning approach for the continuation of instruction for our students. Since this is a broad initiative and the first time many of our teachers have engaged in this practice, I do anticipate that there may be some hiccups. Please be patient as we work to iron out the wrinkles.

In terms of equipment and access, our technology team is working on responding to parents who indicated on the district's survey last week that they needed a Chromebook for their child. During the period of school closure, beginning Tuesday, technology questions should be directed as follows to techhelp@montville.net

Please note the following parameters for distance learning:

- Schoology will be our primary means of communicating instructional information with students and parents. There are a number of other sites that will be used for access to some of the components of lessons. These include iReady and Clever. Teachers will provide information regarding access to these sites.
- Daily attendance will be taken through Schoology. Please ensure that students log in daily.
- During this time, the primary means of communication with all district employees should be email. Please do not leave voice mail messages for staff members as they may not be heard or responded to in a timely manner. You should expect a response to your email inquiry within 24 hours.
- To minimize potential exposure, our buildings will be closed to the general public during this time. Exceptions may be made for parent meetings that are arranged in advance by appointment.

For those students who have qualified for Free and Reduced Price Lunch, Pomptonian (our school food service management company) will prepare and distribute "grab and go" lunches to those students daily. The lunches may be picked up under the overhang at the main entrance to Montville Township High School. Distribution of the lunches will take place between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily. For families who may be experiencing any food shortages at this time, please contact the Montville Food Pantry (Mr. Deane Driscoll - 973-216-7649)

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It is extremely important that everyone abide by the social distancing parameters that have been issued. Montville Township fields, parks and the dog park are all closed at the present time. Residents should avoid congregating in groups.

I will certainly provide any relevant updates to this information as needed. Please check your email frequently during this time.

Sincerely,

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Montville Township Superintendent of Schools

