



March 13, 2020

Dear Hope Academy Families,

We are continuing to closely monitor all new information regarding COVID-19. In addition to our letter dated March 10, 2020 there have been more presumed positive cases in Monmouth County. **Although schools are beginning to close it has not been necessary for our school to take this measure, as of yet.** Today we not only heard from the State Health Department, the Lieutenant Governor, Sheila Oliver, the Commissioner of Education, Lamont Repollet but also the President of the United States. Based on the expertise of these individuals and the County Department of Health steps are presently being taken to continue strides to clean, disinfect, and sanitize our school in order to keep everyone safe. We are encouraging our families to take similar steps at home. Hope Academy Administration continues to participate in meetings with multiple Monmouth County Superintendents, State Department of Health Officials, our School's Physician and the NJDOE. The Department of Health has remained firm on recommending that symptomatic individuals not come to school or work and immediately contact their primary health care physician regarding testing measures.

Continuing our precautionary and proactive measures, Hope Academy will be closed Monday, 3/16/2020, to allow the custodial staff to continue cleaning the building and also to allow our teachers time for further planning of home instruction. Students will return to school on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 followed by a "Mock" home instruction/online learning day scheduled on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Students should *not* report school on the *Mock* day (3/18/2020); they should begin their home instruction plan on a trial basis. Should any of this need to be modified due to new developments we will alert our families immediately.

Our response plan is a collaborative effort that includes teachers, parents and administrators. This response plan is the tool Hope Academy will utilize should the school have to close for an extended period of time. **We will upload all home instruction plans to our school website as well as send them home with our students on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.**

In Continued Partnership,
DaVisha T. Pratt, Chief School Administrator/Principal