



March 16, 2020

Dear Hope Academy Families,

In an effort to mitigate the spread of the novel CoronaVirus we are fully supporting the CDC, Department of Health, NJDOE and Governor Murphy's mandate of Social Distancing and an isolation period. Therefore Hope Academy Charter School is closing, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, until further notice as per the directives from Governor Murphy. During this time, Hope Academy teachers, staff, and administrators have created an instructional plan for students that includes online personalized support that will meet the needs of all of our scholars. Our instructional plan will adhere to our School Calendar.

With the executive order in place from the Governor we are asking that students come to Hope Academy tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in uniform for a brief Home/Online Instructional Learning Orientation. This will allow students to gather all necessary materials to ensure smooth delivery of Home & Online instruction.

- **Students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade should arrive at 8:30am** and will be dismissed at different times to prevent large groups from forming.
- **The dismissal times for K-5 students are as follows:**
 - **4th & 5th-9:30am;**
 - **2nd & 3rd -9:40am;**
 - **1st - 9:50am;**
 - **Kindergarten - 10:00am**
- **Grades sixth through eighth should arrive at school at 10:15am and will be dismissed at 11:30am.**
- **Breakfast and lunch will be sent home with students for the day.**

The **Home Instruction plan** will begin on **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** and has both online and home instructional components. We are sending chromebooks home with each student (as needed based on the Device and Internet Survey) as well as workbooks. Further details regarding the Instructional Learning Plan will be available on the school's website and Twitter. Parents may contact teachers by email or call the school and leave a message if they have questions. Teachers will be reaching out to parents as well, via **REMIND**. Parents please be sure you are

receiving the school's **phone blasts**. If you are having any trouble receiving them please call the school.

We are making sure that meals remain available to all of our families. **Please note that Breakfast and Lunch will be available for pick-up as Grab and Go meals daily between the hours of 10:00am and 12:30pm.** If you have any difficulty regarding this pick up time period please call the main office.

These are trying times but I have no doubt that we will all come out of this stronger. We will continue to monitor this situation as it unfolds. The Instructional plans will be sent home with students on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Please make every effort to have your child attend tomorrow's Home/Online Instruction orientation. This is unfamiliar to all of the students across New Jersey and we want to be sure we are setting our scholars up for success. We will upload all home instruction plans to our school website as well as send home any needed resources and materials with our students on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Please be sure to sign the Chromebook Release form and return it if your child needs a device to use during this time.

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