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Dear Linwood Schools' Community:

Linwood School District is continuing to hold the health and safety of our students and staff as one of our highest priorities. As we continue to closely monitor the public health safety concern that is COVID-19, we have begun to make preparations as a District in line with guidance from the NJ Department of Education. Part of this preparation is planning for possible school closures in coordination with the Department of Health. Please be aware that school closures have not been mandated at this time.

According to our District calendar, on Thursday, March 19th our District is scheduled for an early dismissal for teacher in-service. In order for our staff to have time to prepare for a possible closure, Thursday, March 19, 2020 will now be a full day of staff in-service. This day will be switched with our full day in-service that was scheduled for June 2, 2020. See below for the newly proposed calendar change. The Board of Education will formally approve this change at our March BOE meeting; however, we are sharing this plan with you in advance so you can make arrangements for your children since students will not attend school on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

New District Calendar Proposal	
Thursday, March 19, 2020	Full-Day Teacher In-service (No Students)
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	Early Dismissal – Teacher In-service (Student Early Dismissal)

In the event of a closure, we are obligated to our students and community to provide instructional continuity. Our teachers and staff have spent the last seven months working in collaboration with our students to help them grow as learners. In the event of a long-term closure, we will continue to support student learning through plans we have developed for educational activities for your children. In order to meet this need and the requirements from the state, our district would be remiss to not prepare for this possibility by allowing our teachers and staff the time they need to develop and organize appropriate materials to support our students. Over the next few days, teachers may be sending home supplemental materials for students in the event of a school closure. If a closure is necessary, teachers will indicate the use of these materials within their packets. More information will be provided if necessary at a later date.

This is the plan as of now, but we are continuing to monitor details as we receive them. Any updates will be provided as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the main office of your child's school. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Pruitt
Superintendent of Schools