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Dear Linwood Schools' Families:

Hope this letter finds you well. We know you have been receiving a great amount of communication. In an effort to keep you aware of important details, please see the information below from New Jersey Commissioner of Education, Dr. Lamont Repollet on the status of school closures and on the state assessments planned for this spring.

1. School Closure Dates – Return Determined by the Governor:

From Dr. Repollet: “As directed in Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 104 and affirmed in Executive Order No. 107, all public, private, and parochial preschool program premises, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, shall remain closed to students as long as the executive orders remain in effect.”

“...the decision to reopen schools lies squarely with Governor Murphy. We do not intend to assess the reopening of schools until at least April 17, 2020, at the earliest. As Governor Murphy stated, “the decision to reopen will be based on careful discussion with our public health and safety experts, and with our educators and districts, and will be guided by the facts on the ground.” Therefore, we ask that school administrators refrain from speculating or announcing school reopening dates unless directed to do so by the Governor.

2. State Assessments – Spring 2020 Cancelled

In a memo this week from the NJ DOE, “Governor Phil Murphy announced that the State of New Jersey is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), ACCESS for ELLs, and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment.”

We will continue to keep you informed as information comes to us. Just to recap. The Governor will determine when schools can open again. As of now, the Linwood Schools will remain closed until Executive Order No. 107 is lifted by Governor Murphy. Second, New Jersey has cancelled statewide assessments for the spring.

Once again, thank you for your support and we will do this together!

Sincerely-

Brian M. Pruitt
Superintendent of Schools