



MONMOUTH BEACH SCHOOL

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Dear MBS families,

Greetings to everyone in the MBS community! I hope that the spring break has given all of our students, staff, and parents a chance to take a step back, rest, and recharge. I realize that the current circumstances prevented many people from taking their usual trips and also caused us to alter the way we would have chosen to celebrate Easter and Passover. However, I truly believe that as long as you were able to be with your immediate family, then you have everything you really need.

As we prepare to resume the experience of remote learning tomorrow, I wanted to give everyone an update on our overall situation. This past Thursday, Governor Murphy extended the closure of all NJ schools until at least May 15. As much as I would have been excited to open our school as of tomorrow, the health officials do not feel we have reached the necessary level of safety for that to happen. Trust me when I tell you that no one wants to restore normalcy more than me, but I realize we need to remain patient for now. Knowing that our students will continue to work remotely with our incredibly dedicated and creative staff as well as their loving and supportive parents and family members, enables me to remain confident that the learning process will move forward in Monmouth Beach.

Given the latest extension of the school closure, I will be conducting virtual meetings with the teachers and Board of Education this week to continue discussing our options for the trips to Camp Bernie and Boston. Additionally, we will also consider the various alternatives for 8th grade graduation so that we can recognize the graduating class in some way. To this end, I plan to also schedule virtual meetings with the 8th grade students in the coming weeks to allow their creative voices to be heard and their ideas to be considered.

Like everyone else, I would love to know if our school will be able to reopen as of May 18, but we will simply have to wait until mid May to find out if that will happen. Regardless of whether school reopens this spring or not until the fall, please know that the teachers will be ready to meet your child/children where they are in terms of their learning and then do what is needed to move them forward. For now, it is important that we continue to focus on the social and emotional well being of the children so they will be ready to continue remote learning and for the eventual transition back into school.

I will continue to send out updates on a weekly basis or even sooner if needed. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your families.

Stay well

Sincerely,

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