

## OGDENSBURG BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION 100 Main Street Ogdensburg, NJ 07439

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Dear Parents and Guardians;

I hope that you are all well. As you may have heard, Gov. Murphy has mandated that all schools in New Jersey close in an attempt to limit the exposure of students and family members to the COVID-19 virus. Ogdensburg School is currently closed until 3/27, with classes expected to resume on 3/30. The school closure will be reassessed next week, and we will be consulting with the Department of Health as well as the Department of Education to ascertain if we should extend the school closure further. Should this occur, a Honeywell will be sent out explaining the decision and any and all information that I have regarding the school closure.

As of this writing, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Sussex County. I do want to continue to remind everyone to remain cautious and stress the continuation of preventative measures. These measures will continue to limit the spread of the coronavirus. As the students are home, please limit their contact with others. Encourage them to wash their hands regularly. Keep them on a routine, assist them with their school assignments and limit their access to social media and TV. These uncertain times are stressful for us all, but especially our young students who may not have the ability to process everything that is quickly occuring. They look to us for guidance, support and encouragement. Below are a few links which I ask you to review.

https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html

Your child received packets of instruction on Friday. If your child was not in school on Friday, their packet is in the Main Office and must be picked up. The Main Office is open from 9am to 1pm M-F. Some classes are assigning work which needs to be accessed or completed online. Should your child have difficulty accessing these assignments, please contact your child's teacher and explain the difficulty. Their teacher will be able to either offer suggestions or reach out to our Tech Administrator for solutions. Teachers can be contacted via their emails from 8:10 to 3:15 (regular school hours) M-F. If your child is sick, please email Mrs. Block (mblock@obboe.org) so that we may track any illness.

This situation will continue to evolve rapidly. I will periodically be updating you as I receive more information, so please check our website and Facebook regularly. Thank you for your continued support and patience. Stay safe.

David Astor Superintendent Ogdensburg Public School