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Titan Community,

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On May 4, 2020, Governor Murphy announced that schools would remain closed for in-person instruction for the duration of the 2019-2020 school year in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. As students continue to engage in remote learning through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, please note the following updates to the end of year processes and plans for graduation.

As per the New Jersey Department of Education Memorandum issued on May 8, 2020, Executive Order No. 107, signed on March 21, 2020, prohibits gatherings of individuals for parties, celebrations, and other social events, which includes all in-person graduation ceremonies. Ms. Vecchiarelli will be communicating information in reference to the class of 2020 Graduation ceremony and Scholarship awards. Additionally, as we look to coordinate closeout procedures for the end of the school year, families have received, or will receive, detailed communications from the building principals regarding personal item pick-up (i.e. locker items) and school property items drop-off (i.e. textbooks, electronic devices, Chromebooks, instruments, uniforms, library books, etc.).

Remote Learning will not take place on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. At the Board of Education meeting yesterday the Board approved an updated school calendar due to an unused inclement weather day. Therefore, **our last school day for students will now be Friday June 19th.**

I understand the difficult circumstances we have been operating under. This, combined that with the restrictions we have been asked to adhere to, has added stress to all our lives. Rely on the ever present Titan *Esprit de Corps*.

Grab-and-go meals will continue. Pick up will be on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** at the Caruso School on Myrtle Avenue between 10:00am-12:00pm. **You will receive meals for two days on Monday and Wednesday.**

On Friday May 22nd you will receive two meals for Friday the 22nd and Tuesday the 26th.

We share in your disappointment that the end-of-year events and graduation ceremonies cannot take place in the traditional manner at this time. We will continue to engage our students remotely and celebrate their many successes while maintaining everyone's health and safety first. Thank you for your continued *Titan Pride* and flexibility during this challenging time for our students.

""All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them." – Magic Johnson

Stay Strong,

Doug Covert Superintendent