March 12, 2020

Dear North Plainfield School Community,

Our district’s number one priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and staff. Though we currently have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in North Plainfield, we have been proactively preparing to continue delivery of instruction through remote learning. The NJDOE has indicated that if we have a plan in place for consistent home instructional services while physical facilities are closed, such days will still count toward our 180-day requirement.

Public health officials continue to advise that social distancing is the most effective strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We recognize that school closures will create challenges for our families and our community, but we also recognize our responsibility to address this public health concern. Out of precaution, we will be closing our schools and implementing a remote learning plan effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020. The situation will be re-evaluated as we near March 27th to decide if it will continue to be closed the week of March 30th as well. All field trips, school events, and athletics will be rescheduled or canceled. This will be communicated by your school principal.

We appreciate your support and understanding of this decision. We will follow up with the details of our remote learning plans in a more detailed letter tomorrow. Staff will receive a more detailed communication tomorrow as well. Please remind students to take their personal items home tomorrow as there will not be access to the schools.

We will continue to maintain regular communication with our local public health official and our learning community during the school closure. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

In the interim, we want to provide you with this information in an effort to plan.

Thank you, and together North Plainfield will rise to this challenge.

Sincerely,

Michelle Aquino, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools