

# The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community,

We are appreciative of your continued active support and partnership during this unparalleled time. Conscious that we are all facing unique challenges, we want to reassure you that we are keeping fully present in our thoughts, our school community, faculty/staff/students, and the many professionals, first responders and counselors as we confront the effects of this pandemic.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District will continue to direct *At-Home Learning* until at least April 20, 2020. However, at the following times we will close *At-Home Instruction* (school) for our regularly scheduled spring break, which is Monday, April 5, 2020 through Friday, April 10, 2020. *At-Home Learning* will resume on Monday, April 13, 2020.

The spread of the COVID-19 pandemic will impact the decision as to when we anticipate opening our schools and resume normal operations. During this next cycle of closings, we will continue to keep our community informed. We are hopeful that we will be able to return to our regular school session this Spring. All decisions to return to school will be based on directives from the Governor of New Jersey.

On Monday, March 30, 2020, our SPF students will be moving to a newly structured *At-Home Learning* schedule.

## School Schedule Revised At Home Learning

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| ● March 30th           | Revised <i>At-Home Learning</i> resumes |
| ● April 6th-April 10th | Spring Break – NO SCHOOL                |
| ● April 13th           | <i>At-Home Learning</i> resumes         |
| ● Return to School TBD | At the Governor's directive             |

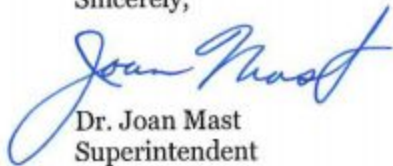
You will be receiving detailed information from your principal regarding the *At-Home* Learning structure changes. As we are all increasing our online virtual presence it is important that we mutually respect each other's personal spaces and privacy as much as possible. As classrooms are temporarily transformed through Google Platforms, we request that you continue to provide a dedicated classroom space for your child with minimum disruptions. We will continue to monitor the effectiveness of our plan and we will make adjustments as needed.

Please also note, the NJDOE has canceled Statewide Student Assessments for this Academic year. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), ACCESS for ELLs, and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment.

It's important to remember that Social Distancing requires children to interact with their families only. They should not be engaging with their friends or other neighborhood families. This along with other best practices in personal hygiene will keep our community as healthy as possible during this pandemic.

Please stay well and know that we will continue to meet these challenges together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Mast". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joan" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Mast".

Dr. Joan Mast  
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