

# EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I shared with you on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, we are preparing for the possibility of a public-health related closure. Our proactive planning efforts ensure we have a plan in place if there is a need to close our schools. If there is a need to close our schools, this decision would be made in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Health. At this time, we are not aware of any potential or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community. However, we are committed to preparing for this unprecedented situation.

The New Jersey Department of Education has provided guidance for utilizing home instruction if our schools need to close. One way that home instruction can be provided is through "remote learning". We are considering the possibility of remote learning at the Samuel Mickle School because students in grades 3 through 6 are already familiar with the Google Classroom platform. Google Classroom is one example of a remote learning platform that could be used for home instruction because it allows teachers to upload lessons and assignments, and students are able to access them from home.

To ensure that all Samuel Mickle students have access to a device and the internet, please take a moment to complete the brief survey below. This will allow us to continue our planning process and provide loaner devices to students who may need them.

Click here: [2020 Samuel Mickle School Technology Access Survey](#)

Since our Jeffrey Clark students do not use Google Classroom regularly or at all, our home instruction plan is paper and pencil-based with technology resources as supplemental options. More information about the home instruction plans will be provided to parents in the coming days.

Finally, the media coverage of COVID-19 is extensive. This can be difficult or scary for some of our students, and they may have questions. Below is a link to the National Association of School Psychologists resource for talking with children about COVID-19. Click here: [National Association of School Psychologists~ Talking to Children about COVID-19](#)

I will continue to update you as information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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