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Public Health Related School Closure

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents:

To assist in containing the spread of the Covid-19 Virus, The Gray Charter School will be closed beginning Wednesday March 18th and reopen on Wednesday April 1st. 2020. This period may be extended at the direction of the Governor, Commissioner of Education, or as needed to further contain the virus. Beginning today Monday 3.16.20 and Tuesday 3.17.20 students will be sent home books and all other learning materials that may be needed during this period. Parents of any students absent may also come to the school and pick up these items if they wish to do so.

Beginning on Wednesday March 18, 2020 students in grades K-1 will be provided with instructional work packets to be completed and returned once school has reopened. The students will receive additional instruction and learning activities on an ongoing basis through the Class DoJo portal as well as the Compass Learning educational platform. The parents of the students in grades K-1 will be required to report their children's attendance directly to the teacher through email or the Class Dojo platform, or may call the school directly at 073-824-6661 and select option 3 to record their child's attendance by voice. **It is very important that parents report their children's attendance on a daily basis by one of the means indicated.**

Students in grades 2-8 have been uploaded in the Google Classroom application. Classroom teachers will provide the students with instruction, assignments and learning activities directly on this platform. Class Dojo and the Compass Learning educational platform will also be used to provide instruction and learning activities to students. Student attendance will be recorded directly as the students log on to the Google Classroom platform. Parents also have the option to report their children's attendance through Class Dojo, or may call the school to record attendance by voice.

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Although the school will be closed teaching staff will remain available to students and parents during the regular school hours of 7:30-3:30 to assist students and parents with questions or instructional supports. Communications may take place through telephone, Class Dojo or email means.

Any students with IEP's or who may not have internet access will receive home instructional services provided by the Essex County Regional Services Commission. Rutgers Newark Therapy Services will provide occupational Therapy as contracted. Any services that are missed or suspended will be made up at the earliest opportunity through compensatory measures.

Free and reduced lunch students who are in attendance on March 16 and Tuesday March 17 will be provided with breakfast and lunch as usual, they will also receive garb and go meals for the remainder of the week. Beginning on Monday March 23, 2020 the school will provide pre-packaged breakfast and lunch for all student who are entitled to receive them. In order to limit the opportunity of exposure to the virus, parents and/or students may pick up meals for the week in the school's multi-purpose room on each Monday between the hours of 8 and 10 am. The multi-purpose room will be cleaned and sanitized before and immediately after each meal distribution

Please be assured that we are doing everything that we can to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all of our students. In addition to the long-term closure to limit exposure the facilities staff and cleaning crews will be conducting ongoing cleaning and sanitizing services for the entire building.

Sincerely,



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