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March 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“You may not be able to control every situation and its outcome, but you can control your attitude and how you deal with it.”

As you know, the Coronavirus COVID-19 is a novel (new) virus. Per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we are still learning how it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, and to what extent it may spread in the United States.

At this time, while we have no confirmed cases in the Asbury Park School District, in order to provide for the health, wellness and safety of our students, staff and community through the professional guidance received, we must be ahead of the curve in mitigating the potential for exposure and further spread of this disease. As a preventive measure and in an effort to aid in reducing the spread of the virus, all of our schools will be closed.

However, learning will not stop as we will offer Remote Learning by providing home instruction packets for students in Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. Students in grades 9 to 12 will also have the option of borrowing a Chromebook during the time of the health-related closure as a supplement to their packet. To utilize this option, students must return the printed parental consent form. By offering these thoughtfully-planned options, all students will be provided everything they need via the hard copy packet to complete their assignments.

In addition, we will have two sites: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School and Thurgood Marshall Elementary School available for “Grab and Go” breakfast, lunch and snack. Meal distribution will be between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. only. The meals are intended for residents 18 years old and younger. Additionally, if supplemental packets or instructional materials are needed, they will be available for pick up. The Asbury Park School District will have an abbreviated session for students only on March 16, 2020. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. The district will then officially close

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for health-related reasons on March 17, 2020, and will tentatively re-open April 20, 2020 (pending emerging information from the CDC and/or health department).

You are encouraged to visit our district website at www.asburypark.k12.nj.us, download our district app, and follow us on social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube) for real-time updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sancha K. Gray".

Sancha K. Gray
Superintendent of Schools