

## HARRINGTON PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Harrington Park Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It has been quite an experience for all members of our community, and we are proud of how well everyone has adjusted to this situation. I have experienced many things over my 25+ years in education and this is certainly the most unique and challenging thing to ever happen. It has challenged all of us as this is a tremendous logistical and educational challenge that we are collectively facing as a district, as a community, and as a family.

Taking all of that into consideration, along with the current state of emergency. I want to make sure that we continue to share the district's view that we all must adapt during this challenging time. Along the way, we will continue to modify and adjust our practices, assignments, and expectations to better meet our students' needs. I am so proud of us as a community and our ability to focus on the task at hand, and while we are proud of that, we understand that more work will always be needed and we are committed to that challenge. I am also pleased to report that the Harrington Park School District donated over 4,000 gloves to Bergen County hospitals this past week and we continue to solicit others to give during this time of emergency.

Given the continued threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to our school communities and the resulting school closures, Governor Murphy announced that the State of New Jersey is canceling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NLSLA), ACCESS for ELLS, and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment.

We find ourselves in an unprecedented situation filled with unknowns. However, we are Spartans and a family filled with caring and compassionate people. Together, we will model for our children what it means to contribute to the greater good by making sacrifices to help us come through this challenge.

I look forward to the day we are all together again.

Best,

Dr. Adam Fried

***“Leading the Way”***

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