

## **MYRON L. POWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear MLP Families:

I wanted to update you on the steps our district is taking in response to the COVID-19 virus. Last Friday, the NJ Department of Education issued a directive to all public schools to plan and prepare for school closures as a potential strategy to limit transmission and/or in response to any reported cases within our school or community. The Cumberland County Health Department will work closely with us if that decision needs to be made.

If I need to close our school for the safety of our students, staff and families, a comprehensive plan must be in place for our students to learn from home so that we will not be required to make-up the missed school days by adding them to the end of the school year. It is my hope to execute a plan where students can continue to learn from home through a blended method consisting of textbooks and paper packets as well as a series of our online resources. The teachers are currently conducting surveys to determine if each child has access to an electronic device (either laptop or desk top computer, Chromebook, tablet or phone) and if they have access to the internet. The device and internet access can be at your home OR it can be at a relative or neighbor's home. More information will be released regarding our plans for home instruction over the next few days.

In the meantime, we have instituted a No High Fives, No Handshakes Rule in our school to cut back on the potential spread of germs. I encourage you to have your child wash their hands before they leave your house in the morning and as soon as they return home. We have increased the frequency of handwashing here at school, and new posters are hanging throughout the school to encourage good hygiene. I will be in touch with you soon regarding our continued work toward a comprehensive plan moving forward.

Thank you,

*Shelley Magan*

Dr. Shelley Marie Magan, Chief School Administrator