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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised due to the national/state effort to contain the spreading of the (COVID-19) virus, with a start date of Wednesday, March 18th, Governor Murphy has ordered the closing of all Public and Private schools in the state of New Jersey. To that end, the *Salem City School District* will begin closing our schools tomorrow (Tuesday, March 17th) until the Governor's office reopens schools. Please be advised we are monitoring CDC guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/considerations-for-school-closure.pdf> and at this time it's plausible schools can be closed for the next 8 weeks.

During this time, our teachers and administrators will work hard to make sure lessons are created at 2-week intervals that match as closely as possible to content and skills students would learn if they were in school.

Please be reminded, and we implore you, to mitigate community spread, by following CDC guidelines.

Monday-Friday, we will have breakfast & lunch distribution as follows (9:00 am-12:00 pm):

- o Salem High School (Grades 9-12)
- o Salem Middle School (Grades 3-8)
- o John Fenwick Academy (PreK-2)
- o East Ward: Mount Pisgah A.M.E Church, 15 Yorke St. (**Any** Grade Level)
- o West Ward: St. John's Pentecostal Church, 22 New Market St. (**Any** Grade Level)

Google classroom & Instructional Packets

- o **SHS** – Google Classroom on a weekly basis. Hard copies to be provided for those that do not have Wi-Fi and access to a computer. Pick up of Instructional Packets will be **Tuesday, March 17th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Main Office. Drop-off of completed work & Pick-up of the

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o **SMS** – 8th grade classrooms will use Google Classroom. Grades 3-5 will use class DOJO to communicate with students/parents. Grades 6-8 may use email to communicate unless already using Class DOJO. Instructional packets to be distributed to Grades 3-7. Pick up will be **Tuesday March 17th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Main Office. Drop-off of completed work & Pick-up next set of Instructional Packets **Friday, March 27th from 8:00 to 12:00**. Each packet will contain 2 weeks' worth of material.

o **JFA** – Teachers will use Class DOJO or email to communicate with Parents. Hard copy packets will be distributed for grades Pre-K – 2. Pick up of Instructional Packets will be **Tuesday, March 17th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Main Office. Drop-off of completed work & Pick-up of the next set of Instructional Packets will be **Friday, March 27th from 8:00 to 12:00**. Each packet will contain 2 weeks' worth of material.

COVID-19 Sanitizing of Schools: The Custodial/Maintenance Staff will be involved in the following:

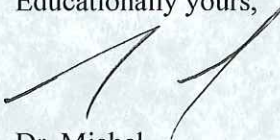
1st week – Sanitizing every classroom, every bathroom, every computer and lab, all cafeterias and everything in central offices. Everyone will clear their respective desks to allow custodial staff to clean.

2nd week – Repairing broken items and installing educational materials/resources for an eventual safe return.

Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe and healthy utilizing the recommended social distancing by the CDC.

Again, thank you for your continued support!

Educationally yours,



Dr. Michel