

As we conclude our third week of online learning, I've been very impressed and pleased with our staff's hard work in ensuring that our students continue to receive meaningful instruction and support. I'm thankful for all the help and cooperation from our families, and I'm proud of our students for their diligence and resiliency.

As you know by now, formal online instruction for next week is suspended. We decided to maintain our original school calendar after consultation and deliberation with the Wyckoff Board of Education; the Executive County Superintendent of Schools; members of the Bergen County Association of School Administrators; the Wyckoff Administrative Team, the Wyckoff Education Association Leadership, and the other elementary districts in the FLOW region and throughout the county.

Nobody knows for sure, but we hope and optimistically anticipate that schools will reopen before the end of June. It will be critical to use the time that students and staff are back together to assess the status of our pupils and to provide the appropriate instruction to help prepare them for the next school year. If we eliminated the Spring Recess, it would mean that we would have fewer days to work with our students when they return to school. We will, however, be sending home enrichment and supplemental materials that you can utilize at your discretion.

At Wednesday's Professional Development sessions, staff members shared examples of their online lessons with their grade-level colleagues. Additionally, the staff had an opportunity to view various support materials related to the implementation and application of virtual learning and video conferencing. Eisenhower staff engaged in a virtual town hall meeting to discuss the plan for a more structured schedule while providing options for students and families who require some flexibility. Mr. Iasiello will send further information.

Please note that during online virtual meetings, students may be visible or audible to other students and staff, and others in your household may see or hear the participants. If possible, find a private setting in your home for your student when he or she is engaged in video or audio conferencing with a teacher. Most distance learning formats such as Google Meet or Zoom are covered in the district's *Acceptable Use Policy* that parents consented to earlier in the school year and is available for review under the Policy section of our website. Please assist us by monitoring your student's Chromebook usage and report any abuse to your school principal.

Thank you to the 471 families who completed the *Online Instruction Survey*. That represents a 37% rate of return. We are very appreciative of your kind comments and constructive

suggestions. Our next step is to analyze the results at the school and district levels and use the data to help inform our practices and strategies.

On behalf of all of us in the district, I extend our hope and prayers that you and your families are doing well during this most challenging time. We also send our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Easter and a Happy and Healthy Passover. Never has there been a more critical time to reflect upon our beliefs and customs.