

## Launch of Homebound Instruction



Dear High Point Parent,

On Thursday evening, March 12, county executive James Tedesco announced that all Bergen County schools will be closing as of 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, with closures lasting until further notice in an effort to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

With this announcement comes significant changes for the way our daily school operations will need to be run for the foreseeable future, and yet we want to assure you that we'll be keeping things as much the same as we possibly can. To do so, we'll be moving to an online learning model for both regular general instruction and the delivery of therapeutic services. We have a plan in place to make this transition as seamless as it can be, so that your child continues to be educated by their regular staff members with minimal interruption, with our normative level of personalized care, and with continued fulfillment of their special education needs.

For our families with online connectivity from their computer devices at home, we'll be in contact soon about setting up a two-way secure audio and video line so that your child can continue to meet with their teacher and social worker. For those families without high-speed Internet access, we'll be sure to provide educational materials by other means and to establish access by phone between student and staff.

And for all parents and students, we will keep you informed—promptly and regularly—of all developments as we move forward with the rest of the country, and the world, during this unprecedented event, and we invite you to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or assistance you might need. We know that home-based instruction will create some inconveniences and disruptions for our families. But you also know that the safety of our students and their loved ones is and always must be our first priority, and the safest place for our students to be right now is home.

We're all in this together, and we will come out the other side stronger and wiser together. With best wishes for continued health and safety from our High Point family to yours.