

Start of Phase II



Dear High Point Families,

This message comes to you with profound gratitude for the way this community has pulled together to help each other learn and thrive in this new learning environment. It is truly bringing out the best in all of us. We know this is a trying time and that this new learning structure is a challenge. We are fully confident that our ability to adapt and excel will see us through.

While our students were working this week through the first phase of our remote learning plans, our staff was busily preparing for **Phase II, which begins on Monday, March 30, 2020, and will take us through the start of Spring Break, on Thursday, April 9.** Spring Break will continue as originally scheduled, from Thursday, April 9 (starting at 1:00 p.m.) to Sunday, April 19. We will not be posting assignments during Spring Break, and we hope all of our families and staff take some time to rest and recharge.

After that, we will have to take things week by week. **If schools remain closed as of April 20 when Spring Break is over, we will continue along the same path of Phase II of our home-based instruction.** Please remember that the decision to reopen schools does not fall to us, but only to Governor Murphy, who said the state will not be in a position to make that decision until at least April 17. In his [press briefing on March 26](#), the governor stated: *"The decision to reopen will be based on careful discussion with our public health and safety experts, and with our educators and districts. We will be guided by facts on the ground."*

The High Point School of Bergen County will remain in communication with our families to let you know of any developments or changes. At this point, we must simply take things one week at a time.

Now that we've completed two weeks of remote learning, we would like to thank our staff, our students, and all of our High Point families for your resiliency, understanding, and dedication to education. In the face of adversity, our entire community has truly risen to the occasion, and we could not be more impressed with how well everyone is collaborating, sharing resources, and staying on course and in touch with one another.

We hope you all are holding up in these trying times—just know we are a phone call, email, or online meeting away.

Be well & stay well,
The High Point School Team