



Bernards Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents,

As I indicated in my previous email, we have been preparing for our District's Extended School program (ESY). Without a formal decision from the Department of Education, our goal has been to be prepared to meet the needs of all our students either as distance learners or on-site, providing that we were given the green light to hold in-person sessions. However, the Governor's Executive Order does not allow us to hold in-person sessions with students. As the summer quickly approaches, we need to make a decision based on this limited information. Additionally, we have not received any indication as to when we will receive additional or revised guidance.

With that in mind, the district will be opening ESY as distance learning beginning July 6th. We are currently working with staff to tailor lessons to meet the needs of each student. All related services will also continue to be offered through distance learning.

While we are planning to begin with instruction through distance learning, please know we will continue to review any updates to executive orders that may allow instruction to be on site. We understand how severe this pandemic has been for many of our families, and we are incredibly cognizant of the need for students to return to school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child's case manager.

I wish everyone a healthy remainder of the school year.

Jean

On a side note - if your child is currently using district technology, it does not need to be returned at this time.