March 24, 2020

Dear Nutley Parents, Staff and Community,

I am hopeful this finds you well during this challenging time. So many of us are concerned about our children, our elderly parents, neighbors and friends. We miss our daily routines and face-to-face connections. But, we are each doing what is necessary for now to help mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19. We are a part of an important moment in global history. I pray that we will never see another period like this during our lifetimes.

We have been told by our local, state and federal health officials, as well as by our government, that this pandemic will get worse, before it gets better. Governor Murphy has ordered that schools will stay closed “until such time as deemed by health officials to be safe for classes to resume.” At this time the Nutley Public Schools will remain closed through at least Friday, April 10. Further communication about our scheduled April break will follow. We will continue to monitor and re-evaluate this evolving situation and provide updates to the community via email, our district website, and social media. This closing includes the cancellation of all school related activities including athletic practices, games and scrimmages.

I am in touch daily with the local and county Office of Emergency Management and local, county, and state Departments of Health and Education, as well as our community partners, to continue to provide accurate information, resources, and support to the school community, and all of Nutley. There will be an additional correspondence, in the coming days, regarding food services.

Please follow the state’s directive on social distancing and stay home with your families. We hope that in addition to virtual learning and work responsibilities, you are finding time to read, cook, exercise, walk or do something that makes you happy and keeps your body and mind active.

We appreciate the continued dedication of our entire staff as we manage the aspects of running the school district virtually. Additionally, the commitment that our instructional staff, administration, and support teams, parents and students have put into our Virtual Learning has been remarkable. We have all adapted so quickly to a new and unique way of working and learning. Each of you continue to prove that we are stronger together. I am immensely grateful for the way in which we, as a school community, have risen to this challenge.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Glazer