



Northfield  
Community School  
Children First



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**CLOSURE EXTENSION INFORMATION FROM GOVERNOR MURPHY**  
**JOINT DISTRICT STATEMENT TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY**  
**COVID-19/ CORONAVIRUS**

As you are aware because of the response to COVID-19, our school districts were awaiting further information and direction regarding the length of our school closures from our Governor. On Monday, May 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy held a press conference to address the current national health emergency within New Jersey, and he also addressed the current school closures in our state.

During this press conference, Governor Murphy announced that all New Jersey schools will remain closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and that all students and educators will continue with remote learning. Through this direction from Governor Murphy to continue to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of our students, staff, and communities, our districts will be extending the mandated school closure as follows:

**The School Districts of Mainland Regional High School, Chartertech High School for the Performing Arts, Northfield, Linwood, and Somers Point are closed for in-person instruction. All students and educators will continue with remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.**

Therefore, virtual/remote instruction will continue in each district until the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Please be sure to check with your districts' websites, social media feeds, and community outreach platforms for additional details.

We understand the impact this continues to have on our students and families, which is why our Districts have come together to issue this joint statement regarding closing our schools. Each district has identified a plan for instructional continuity as well as for food distribution for eligible families in our food service programs during the school closure as mandated by the NJ DOE. Those plans will continue throughout the current extended closure. Our districts will continue to provide further information as it becomes available.

We know that this continues to be a challenging time. Our districts will continue to support our students and communities through the remainder of this current school year. Please know, we miss all of you and we look forward to reopening our physical doors in the future.

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