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Dear Parent/Guardians,

As you are aware, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has reached the state of New Jersey. While information regarding this virus is coming out daily, there is still much that we don’t know, but we are following the guidance of state and local health officials.

The state of New Jersey has provided guidance for school districts regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Your child’s health, safety, and academics is of upmost importance to the Paterson Public School district. In the event that we need to close schools as a strategy to limit transmission within our community, the attached packet contains the lessons that your child must complete while at home. Given that we are unsure what the duration of a closing may entail, packets have been created to afford your child the ability to engage in remote learning at home for at least 10 days.

Please retain this packet at home in a safe location in the event that you are notified of a school closing. Should your child’s school close, each instructional day that schools are not in session, your child should complete the assignment for that day for their subjects. In the event of a closing, teachers will be accessible to students and families to answer questions about the tasks in this packet via email. All work must be completed by the students and returned to their teachers upon the reopening of schools. Student work will be graded and entered into Infinite Campus. If student work is not returned, the student will receive no credit (0) for the assignments.

In order to avoid the possibility of extending the school year and receive credit toward the 180-day attendance requirement, your child’s work submission will be utilized to calculate their attendance. Students who do not submit work will be considered absent for the days’ work was not turned in.

Please be advised that this letter serves as a guidance should schools need to close. As of today, we are open and in operation. Should a closure need to occur, you will be notified via School Messenger.

Check the Paterson Public School website daily for updates.
http://www.paterson.k12.nj.us/11_pages/corona_virus.php

Thanking you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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