March 23, 2020

Dear Cape Staff and Families:

I want to thank our community for its outpouring of support for the District’s students (and staff)! Our staff has worked tirelessly throughout this difficult time to provide resources for students and their families and will continue to do so as long as necessary. We will continue to update you as information becomes available to us.

Under Governor Carney’s latest State of Emergency order, schools will remain closed until at least May 15, 2020 or until the COVID-19 virus has been contained. Be assured that Cape Henlopen School District has been preparing for educational services for our students and will announce our plan by the end of this week. We will be communicating through the mass calling system, email, social media and most importantly www.CapeHenlopenSchools.com. In an effort to learn about technology needs from our families, there will be a telephone survey going to all families tonight at 6:00pm. This information is critical to planning for virtual learning. Please answer the call and answer the 2 questions.

Further, we are working hard to answer all of your questions and address your concerns. This message includes items that have been asked including office hours and the best way to reach the administrative staff in each building. We are awaiting guidance from state and federal officials on other items and we will update you at a later time.

Important News:

1) All Cape Henlopen offices and schools are closed to visitors. Administrators and secretaries are working remotely and can be reached easiest through email. Email addresses can be found on our district website. If you do not have access to email and need to talk with someone, call the school and use the dial by name directory to leave a message for the principal. Messages will be checked daily.

2) Cape Henlopen began distributing “Grab & Go” meals on Wednesday (March 18th) at H.O. Brittingham for pick up. The program will operate Monday – Friday until further notice. School buses are being sent to 15 locations throughout the district for “Grab & Go” meal pick up. All details can be found at CapeHenlopenSchools.com.

3) The Virtual Viking learning opportunities information is also linked on our website under the “Families” tab and named “Interim Virtual Learning”. We continue to add new links and materials. These opportunities are voluntary! More information is being added daily.

4) In an effort to assist with needed supports for students with IEPs, we are offering a point of contact, Supervisor of Special Programs, Dr. Jeff Conrad, during the period our schools are closed. Dr. Conrad will be available to address questions and concerns during regular business hours from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and can be reached at jeff.conrad@cape.k12.de.us.

Again, thank you all for the support you have shown during this difficult time. Please take care! We will be in touch again soon.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Fulton, MS.Ed.
Superintendent

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