March 27, 2020

Dear Cape Staff and Families:

I hope this communication finds your family well! Our team has been working diligently on plans to support our families throughout the pandemic closing and into the future. Due to the ongoing support of our community and the vision of our staff and Board of Education, Cape Henlopen is now poised to transition from “Virtual Vikings” to a new remote learning model for students beginning Monday, April 6, 2020.

Over the next few days we will be finalizing our remote learning plans and providing learning opportunities to staff to maximize our remote learning efforts beginning on April 6. Additionally, it is important to know that teachers will be connecting with families/students during the week of March 30 to share additional details related to how the remote learning will look and work specific to the students, grade level, subject, etc.

Through a recent phone survey conducted by the district, we were able to gather information from about 70% of our families. Our schools will be following-up with the remaining families (30%) over the next several days to determine our overall need for connectivity and access. We were pleased to learn from the survey that the majority of our families have internet/Wi-Fi access and a device to use while at home for remote learning.

We are now working with families that need a device. We are also working on a list of hot spots in the area for internet access for our students. Stay tuned for updated information!

We now know, based on a recent announcement by Governor Carney, that all public schools will be closed until May 15. Because of this decision our Spring Break will be modified and we will be off Good Friday (4/10) and Easter Monday (4/13). Staff and students will be working remotely for the remainder of the original Spring Break 4/14 – 4/17. We are working on a revised calendar for the remainder of the year to reflect all of the changes. We hope to have this to families in mid-April.

I am pleased to tell you that our “Grab & Go” meals program continues to distribute meals to our students. We are now delivering more than 1000 meals daily (Monday – Friday) to students at fifteen locations throughout the district. All details can be found at CapeHenlopenSchools.com.

Thank you again for your continued support and patience as we work through the challenges of this unique and unprecedented school year.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Fulton, M.S. Ed.  
Superintendent

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