



HILLSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Visions, New Pathways, New Possibilities

Mr. A. Robert Gregory
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Hillside Public Schools Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe. We greatly appreciate your resilience during this global pandemic which has altered the course of our lives.

On May 4, 2020, Governor Murphy announced schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. In the coming weeks we will be announcing our district grading policy for the 3rd trimester (K-6th grade) and 4th marking period (7-12th grade), plans for end of the year ceremonies, and dates to return laptop devices borrowed from the school.

Henceforth, we will be joining districts across the state of New Jersey and instituting a Flexible Fifth Day of learning into our home instruction/remote learning plans. Our Flexible Fifth Day will occur every Friday.

Flexible Fifth Day is an official school day, but staff will not be administering new assignments. Instead, teachers will be providing additional support for student(s) in Google Classroom that require it and those completing home instruction packets. We encourage students to use this time to get caught up on assignments, study, collaborate and reach out to teachers for support who will be available during school hours.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our parents for partnering with us. If you require any support, please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher or school. We hope everyone continues to be safe and care for one another during this pandemic.

We are Comets and will once again unite, stronger than ever. Thank you for your continued support, resilience, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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