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TSSD Families,

We understand the concern from our families and community around the COVID-19 or coronavirus. Based upon the statement released by Governor Lee, the Trenton Special School District will not be in session Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – Friday, April 3, 2020. Please note that we will reassess on April 3 and make a determination as to whether or not to resume school on Monday, April 6.

All school events are suspended effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Again, we will reassess on April 3, 2020.

During this shutdown, teachers will continue to provide instruction through online methods or take-home packets. All TSSD employee's will continue working through Friday to prepare for this and packets will be ready for pick-up at each school during school hours on Thursday and Friday. This work will pause during next week's regularly scheduled Spring Break (March 23-27) and begin again the week after (March 30-April 3).

Also, beginning Tuesday, March 17, we will provide meals for our students during this shutdown. Meals will be ready for pick-up each morning at 8:00 AM, at Trenton Elementary School (TES will serve as the pick-up point for all students from all 3 schools- TES, TRMS, and PHS). Also, we will deliver to all 5 Trenton Housing Authority locations between 7:30 and 8:30 AM each morning. Please understand that federal law requires that the student be present in order to receive the free lunch. We cannot hand them out if the student is not there. Any further instructions will be posted on the TSSD website as well as other social media as soon as possible. These meals will not be offered during next week's regularly scheduled Spring Break (March 23-27) but will resume the next week of March 30-April 3.

While we are out of school, we are asking our students and families to follow the recommended guidelines from the CDC:

- **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching our illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are spread this way,
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
- **Wash hands for 20 seconds.** Washing hands often under clean, running water can help prevent the spread of germs. For more guidance see the CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands guidelines. (<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>) If you cannot wash your hands with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol.

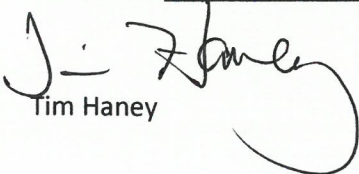
We also have information posted on each of our websites:

TSSD Site- [https://www.trentonssd.org/263643\\_2](https://www.trentonssd.org/263643_2)

Peabody- [https://phs.trentonssd.org/263632\\_2](https://phs.trentonssd.org/263632_2)

TRMS- [https://trms.trentonssd.org/37680\\_1](https://trms.trentonssd.org/37680_1)

TES- [https://tes.trentonssd.org/263660\\_2](https://tes.trentonssd.org/263660_2)

  
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