



## STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Colleagues,

Never before in New Jersey have we faced the monumental task of providing home instruction to all students due to a public health emergency leading to statewide school closures. As we enter these uncharted waters, I want to take a moment to applaud how our educators and all members of our school communities are rising above the fear and uncertainty, and providing students with learning, food security and stability.

The press has reported on so many positive stories of how our educators and school support staff are rising to the occasion; check the “In The News” section below for just a sample. And, of course, we use social media to share our own stories of the awesome work that’s being done throughout school districts in New Jersey. I invite you to check the DOE’s [Twitter](#) homepage and share your success stories with us.

I also encourage you to regularly check the DOE’s [COVID-19 webpage](#), which is regularly updated with guidance and other resources.

We understand what we are doing in New Jersey is historic and unprecedented. We know there will be disruptions, obstacles and missteps. But all of that will pale in comparison to our success. Together, we will not just get through this, but we will thrive – and show the nation what made New Jersey schools the best in the nation in the first place.

With great pride,

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Commissioner of Education