EASTERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings Students,

Today marks the end of our seventh week of remote learning. I am so thankful that you have remained committed and focused on continuing to perform the necessary routines for success during this extended *distance learning experience*.

Honestly, I am disheartened by the recent news that Governor Murphy has closed all New Jersey schools for the rest of the year. However, given the current period of uncertainty, I understand. I am also very disappointed for our senior class members that have had their final year of high school severed by the events of this current health crisis. Underclassmen are in my thoughts also. The administrative team and I are working diligently to prepare for the upcoming school year with the health and safety of all students and school community members in mind. This is my top priority.

May 26th, June 1st, and June 8th are now reserved as special, "no-new-instruction" days. This will permit time for you to catch up on assignments, for teachers to prepare for the end of the year without final exams, and for the building administrators to implement logistical plans for any increased access to the building that may be permissible after May 15th, once additional phased reopening guidance is provided.

We still have a school year to complete, and a 'stay at home' order with which to comply. Therefore, free bagged lunches will remain available to all enrolled students. A parent/guardian must complete this sign-up form by Thursday at 12 noon for you to begin receiving meals the following week. They only need to complete the form once. Campus access will remain severely restricted to the main entrance between 12:30pm to 2:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays via our reservation form.

Please note that all activities, sports and clubs have effectively been cancelled per Governor Murphy's announcement. Though the College Board has cancelled SAT administrations for May and June, AP exams start this Monday, May 11th and will be conducted online. For more details, students should check their College Board accounts and the Eastern website.

If you are experiencing emotional difficulties, please reach out to a school counselor or a Child Study Team case manager. Perform Care of New Jersey also offers mental health services you can access from home. If you feel that you require immediate assistance, contact the National Suicide Prevention Life Line (1-800-273-8255) and notify the police.

Governor Murphy is advancing a slow, phased reopening of the State. Please continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health to stay healthy.

I will continue to keep you updated weekly on how the rest of Eastern's year will unfold as additional guidance from the NJ Department of Education is released. If you have questions or want to share your remote schooling experience, you can complete this <u>survey</u>, contact your grade-level vice principal or email me at <u>rtull@eccrsd.us</u>. I would love to get your feedback.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Tull, Jr., Ed.D.

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