



KIMBERLY J. SCHNEIDER, Ed.D.
Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 and continuing for a two week period through Friday, March 27, 2020, Mercer County Technical Schools (MCTS) will be **closed** and will be operating on a virtual/remote learning platform. Students will not report to school for face-to-face instruction but will be learning from home with support from their teachers.

This decision, although difficult for our families, was made in collaboration with the county health officer and Mercer County superintendents and based upon growing research that indicates that social distancing is the only strategy that currently impacts the eventual spread of COVID-19. Therefore, the best time to close schools is before this spread happens.

Your students have been advised by their teachers regarding the availability of learning material. Sufficient material has been provided to the students for the two week period.

Teachers can be reached by email to assist students. Please note that district emails have changed as follows:

First initial last name@mercertechschoo.org

Example: John Doe would be jdoe@mercertechschoo.org

If you are experiencing issues reaching a teacher, please send an email to studenthelpdesk@mercertechschoo.org and our technology department will address the issue.

Following the two week period MCTS will re-evaluate the need to continue with the virtual/remote learning platform based on guidance from our public health officials.

Please note that the district is in the process of organizing meals for our students who participate in the federal lunch program. Information regarding pick-up will be forthcoming.

MCTS will continue to keep you informed so please check our website frequently and listen for robocalls from MCTS.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly J. Schneider".

Kimberly J. Schneider, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools