



**KIMBERLY J. SCHNEIDER, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent*

April 22, 2020

Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! Once again, I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. I also hope you enjoyed the recent holidays and were able to use the school recess for rest, reflection and rejuvenation.

While on vacation we received an update from Governor Murphy announcing at his April 16, 2020 COVID-19 briefing, that all schools in New Jersey will remain closed, and operate remotely, through at least May 15, 2020. He stated he and his team are monitoring all data about the spread of COVID-19, and will make another decision about school reopening as May 15<sup>th</sup> draws near based on how the situation looks then. The Governor and the NJ Commissioner of Education have asked before that school districts not speculate about school reopening dates unless and until the Governor specifically communicates that information. We will continue to honor this request going forward.

Knowing that this "remote operation" model will continue for at least another four weeks, our administrators, teachers, specialists and staff will work together to build on the instructional content our educators initially prepared when we "went remote". Our administrative team has also been thinking about the possibility that school closure may impact student end-of-year celebrations. If we are fortunate enough to have our schools reopen before the end of the school year, we will do our best to resume normal operations and activities, including our traditional end-of-year ceremonies. On the chance our schools do not reopen before the end of June, we will recognize and honor our students creatively. Central and building administration will brainstorm various options that will allow us to celebrate student achievement, and give our students experiences that they can reflect back on in future years.

As always, please continue to follow all the CDC guidelines, which can be found on our website at [mcts.edu](http://mcts.edu), and be well and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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

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