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Dear Camden City School District Families and Community Partners:

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed Spring Break and are prepared to continue with remote learning. While the Governor has not set an official date for reopening schools, our faculty and staff continue to prepare accordingly. This update will focus on our continued remote learning and upcoming laptop distributions. Should you have any questions please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document on our website or contact the District's Solution Center at 856-966-2507.

Before you read through this update, please take a moment to celebrate the Class of 2020 by submitting a student's photo and accomplishment(s). As we receive photos, we will celebrate them via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Channel 19.

http://www.camden.k12.nj.us/for_families/coronavirus_information/2020_senior_shoutouts

Laptop Distribution

For the past month, we have worked with many community and state education partners to close the digital divide and keep our students connected to learning. I am proud to announce that the district has secured funding to purchase *loaner* laptops for all districts students in grades K-12 to support remote learning.

Beginning this week, we will distribute *loaner* Chromebooks to all Camden City School District high school students. If you have questions please contact your school leader. Thank you students and families for your patience as we go through this process together.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding K-8 Chromebook/Tablet Distribution. All details will be posted here:

http://www.camden.k12.nj.us/for_families/coronavirus_information/chromebook_distribution

Remote Learning Program Updates & Reminders

- **Faculty and Staff Office Hours.** Parents should expect a call from their child's teacher at least once a week to answer any questions, teach a mini-lesson, complete a math problem, read a book, etc. Please check with your teachers and school leaders for designated office hours.
- **Virtual Materials.** All resources are digital and can be accessed from laptops, tablets, and smartphones. Teachers will also be sharing these plans through Class Dojo and Google Classroom.
- **Printed Materials.** If you do not yet have access to remote devices for digital learning and you are in need of printed material, please contact your student's teacher.
- **Internet Service.** Many [Internet Service Providers](#) are offering promotions for free wifi access.

Meal Access

Meal sites will continue to operate on Mondays and Thursdays, 10AM-12PM. On these days, students will be provided with shelf-stable meals for several days. Please visit the meal site that is closest to your

home. The current list of all meal sites across the city can be found here:

http://www.camden.k12.nj.us/for_families/coronavirus_information/access_to_meals

Again, thank you for your attention to this update and for your commitment to ensuring the success of our students. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. Be well and stay safe!

Sincerely,

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