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Dear Deal School Parents:

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the health and wellness of our Deal School Community, I would like to update you on the ongoing COVID-19 Virus and the possible impact it may have on the daily operations of the Deal School. I assure you that there has been no change in the status of the virus in our school. We continue to do daily disinfecting of touch points, limiting the physical and close proximity contact between students, reinforce washing hands and the regular use of hand sanitizer. I am closely monitoring the situation as it unfolds to ensure the safety and well-being of the Deal School Community. I am in regular contact with the NJ Department of Education, Monmouth County Superintendents and multiple agencies from around the state.

Although, we have been discussing and preparing contingency plans in the event of a school closing, earlier this week we received more detailed guidance from the NJDOE on the specifics of this preparedness plan. In collaboration with Deal School teachers and staff, I submitted the Deal Borough School Digital E-Learning Plan to the Executive County Superintendent at the NJDOE. This plan provides the various modes of delivering education to our very diverse student body in the case of a prolonged school closing. This plan will be shared with you in the near future.

In the meantime, you may want to consider the necessities needed for us to educate your child while in your home. All students will be provided with either an Ipad (K-2) or Chromebook (3-8) for the digital delivery of instruction and skill practice with multiple online platforms regularly used at the Deal School. We suggest that students have crayons/colored pencils, pencils, pens and paper available to them. The Digital E-Learning Plan will provide more suggestions as to structure of the day and suggestions for parents in preparing for this new challenge.

In an effort to be prepared your child will be sent home with their electronic device this weekend to allow parents and students the opportunity and time to work out any kinks that may occur regarding familiarity and connectivity to your home network. The devices must come back to school on Monday fully charged. Students will be reminded that all Deal School technology policies apply to all school owned devices no matter the location and that we expect their full cooperation and compliance as we navigate this new landscape.

As to be expected with a situation of this nature, new information will be coming in daily and will require many logistics, much cooperation, and productive collaboration to make it work. I will keep you informed as the situation unfolds.

Sincerely,
Donato Saponaro
Superintendent