

# EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

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**To:** Parents/Guardians & Community Members

**From:** Mark J. Finkelstein  
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**Date:** May 4, 2020

**Re:** Continued School Closures Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has ordered all schools in New Jersey to remain closed due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. **All schools will remain closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year as ordered by Governor Murphy. As such, the last day of “Remote Instruction & Therapy” will be Friday, June 19, 2020.** These closures impact all school programs. Children should stay home until further notice. *If your child is eligible to receive reduced-price or free lunch at school, please contact your local school district representative to continue receiving these services during school closure.*

For more information about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and how to protect your family, please see the ESCNJ website [www.escnj.us](http://www.escnj.us) or click on the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet-sp.pdf> (Spanish)

Continuity of your child’s instruction and therapeutic program during the period in which schools are closed is of vital importance. Please continue to work with your child on the materials found in your “Remote Instruction packet.” Additional instructional material will be sent home to you as your student completes their current packet. ESCNJ administrators, faculty, and therapists continue to be available by email and telephone to assist and guide you in this important work. Your child’s teacher, therapist or an assigned staff member will communicate with you on a daily basis to provide instruction and therapeutic services and support you in the implementation of the activities.

We will continue to update you on the status of our Extended School Year (ESY) program through our website, ESCNJ Express, and Honeywell system. I hope that you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during these difficult times.