Dear ESCNJ Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to week two of home instruction. We hope everyone is doing well and want you to know that the staff, teachers, and aides at ESCNJ are all here to support you!

Our administrative team is immensely proud of our terrific staff members for their structural process, long-term lesson planning, and remote learning. And we could not be more pleased with our students, who remain dedicated to learning during these difficult times.

In our second week of at-home learning, there is a structured, meaningful process of instruction, as we prepare for the next two weeks.

Home is great, but we can all agree: We can’t wait until Gov. Phil Murphy believes it is safe enough to rescind the closure order and we can return to the classroom. I, for one, can’t wait to see you all. You are all worthy of a big high-five!

Here are three videos that were made by one of our staff members. Show them at home. (The third one made me very hungry.)

- How to Use a Microwave
  https://spark.adobe.com/video/nfuJxl0ZqDlG
- How to Fold a Shirt
  https://spark.adobe.com/video/UaQPSlBY0QYk
- How to Make a Salami Sandwich
  https://spark.adobe.com/video/oyL8AKANGARh0

Again, allow me to commend all of you for your ongoing commitment to education. Your full participation in our at-home learning will allow for a smooth transition when the schools reopen.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our sending school districts for their educational and financial support. These resident districts have not abandoned their most challenging students during this great time of need.

Many of you have sent some really great photos, and we are happy to feature them in this week’s newsletter. So, thank you. It’s wonderful to see the photos of our wonderful students doing schoolwork at home and performing daily tasks with the support of family.

Please keep those photos coming; they are truly an inspiration for the entire ESCNJ community. We will be sharing some of this week’s photos in next week’s ESCNJ Express, as well as on our ever-growing social media channels.

Remember to follow us on Facebook/The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Twitter/ESCoNJ and Instagram/ESCoNJ. For all the latest information, please visit our website at www.ESCNJ.com

Be Safe. Be Well. Be ESCNJ.

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