

Dear TCPS Families,

As we enter the second week of the COVID-19 mandatory shut-down, I want to thank all of you for your support during this unprecedented situation. While these are perhaps some of the most challenging times many of us have experienced in our lifetime, I am truly in awe of the way that our community has come together to support each other and support the children and families of our school district.

Please know that we miss seeing our students very much, and look forward to the day when teaching and learning can resume in our classrooms! At this time, school systems are waiting for word from Governor Hogan and the State Superintendent as to any potential extended closure past next week. We will share any information we receive as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we have created a page on our website where we are posting information for parents such as educational enrichment materials, updated information about COVID-19, and help for children and families in understanding and coping with this challenging situation. <https://www.tcps.k12.md.us/quick-links/COVID-resources>

We will persist in our efforts to ensure that no child in our school district goes without food during this time away from school. Our meal distribution operation will continue, and we will keep you updated regarding any changes.

We have been thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing our buildings. Once this process is completed, all buildings will be closed off to everyone until further notice per MSDE mandate. The Talbot County Education Center will be open with very limited staffing. All calls will be forwarded to our 410-822-0330 number so please be patient.

In light of the school shut-down, our March 25 Registration Day for the 2020/2021 school year for new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students has been cancelled. If you were planning to register a child, please use this link to pre-register <https://talbotschools-forms.org/view.php?id=29180>. School staff will contact you to complete the registration process when possible.

Please continue to take the pandemic seriously. It is important to follow all guidelines provided by our local, state and national authorities and to do everything we can to protect our families and our community. Stay Healthy! Stay Tuned! Stay Hopeful!

Thank you again!

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Superintendent