



Waterford Township  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we shift to remote learning, I know that many of you have questions about how this process will work. In addition, I'm aware that anxiety is heightened for adults and children. These are unprecedented times and we are working diligently to make the most responsible decisions for our school community.

The decision to close our buildings was done in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Closing our buildings will allow us all to practice social distancing, a term used to describe infection control actions taken by public health officials to stop or slow down the spread of a highly contagious disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this is the best strategy in preventing the spread of the COVID-19.

While the closure period may seem long, please be aware that we are relying on limited science and data available from local and national agencies. According to the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), short-term closures are less effective in slowing the spread. Determining the appropriate length of time to close was difficult, but we are confident that this decision will help to reduce any impact in our community.

Remember social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation. However, some pediatricians are suggesting children not engage in playdates or large gatherings while practicing social distancing. As a parent, I urge you to exercise caution when deciding how to spend your time.

During this period of remote learning, consider creating a daily schedule that includes time for academics, outdoor play, reading, arts, puzzles and other screen-free activities. Children are most successful when they have a routine to follow.

We know that many people are feeling anxious as information is changing rapidly regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Click [here](#) for guidance in talking to children about COVID-19.

Lastly, you can expect an increase in district communications as we shift to remote learning. We're working hard to keep everyone informed. Remember to check the district website for updates.

Respectfully,

Dr. Brenda Harring, EdD/CI  
Superintendent, Waterford Township School District