

Dear Families,

As we complete our first full week of online learning, I wanted to update you on new information, where to access assistance, and new resources available to you. We have received feedback and encouragement from many students, parents, and staff in these first few days of our new learning reality. This has helped us to learn, grow, and adapt our approach and resources each day as we work to provide a quality learning experience for our students.

We appreciate the feedback that has been received and would encourage all of you to reach out to the appropriate source to seek assistance or to address any concerns you might have. Staff are available, including your child's teacher(s), counselor, school principal, technology support, or the District Office depending upon the nature of your need. School staff can be contacted through email. The District Office staff are available daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and can be reached by calling 860-664-6500.

I have included important information in this update, including adjustments to the 2019-2020 School Calendar, Online Learning links and helpful pages, Technology information, and Food Service meal distribution adjustments. *Please take a moment to carefully review the information contained in this message.*

The past week has brought new discoveries and challenges to all of our lives. We have had struggles and frustration, but have also enjoyed moments of joy and triumph as we explore schooling in a new way. As adults and students, our Clinton school community will continue to learn and grow together. We remain steadfastly committed to providing a quality set of learning experiences and to the development of strong support systems for our students.

Sincerely,



Maryann O'Donnell
Superintendent

Please review the important information below:

ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCE

The District home page, and each school has an online learning web page devoted to providing you and your family important information regarding tech support, "how to videos" for using the variety of teaching and learning apps, and a [portal](#) to access our mental health and school counseling staff who are here to support you and your child during this extended school closure.

SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 to discuss the 2019-2020 school calendar and review the impacts of the loss of school days due to the COVID-19 closure. Several options were considered regarding April Break, as well as potential adjustments to the last day of school for the 2019-2020 school year. Most importantly, the Board sought to balance the need to maintain a break as scheduled in April, while maintaining continuity of learning for students.

Therefore, the Board voted unanimously to adjust the 2019-2020 school calendar as noted below:

- *April Break will begin on Friday, April 10, 2020 and will end on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.*
- *Students will return to lessons on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.*
- *The last day of school for students in grades pk-11 and all staff is Friday, June 12, 2020*
- *The last day of school for Seniors at Morgan is Wednesday, June 10, 2020*
- *The Fixed Graduation Date remains on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.*

A copy of the revised calendar is available [here](#).

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Technology department has established an online help desk and is diligently responding to the various needs and requests from staff and students. Families who have indicated a need for a device have been contacted and accommodated.

As a reminder, to submit a help request:

- The username is *student* and the password is *help!*
- You must complete all required fields and be as descriptive as possible. You will be contacted by a member of the Tech Support Staff via email.

Click here to submit a [Technology Support Request](#)

FOOD SERVICE

We have been informed that the district has been granted a waiver that allows the district to broaden our delivery of meals beyond the previous requirement of children who attend Joel, Eliot, or Morgan. Meals can now be provided to **ALL** children under the age of 18 who reside in Clinton.

Our meal service is provided at Pierson School and The Morgan School from 11:00-12:30 each day.

Important Schedule Change:

NO MEAL SERVICE will be provided on Friday, April 10, 2020.

- ***Instead, the Food Service team will be providing meals for Thursday AND Friday at pick-up on Thursday, April 9, 2020.***

Meals WILL BE provided Monday - Friday April 13-17th