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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At approximately 5:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2020, under the direction of the Burlington County Department of Health (BCDOH), the Chesterfield Township School District closed school beginning today, Monday, March 16, 2020 through Thursday, April 9, 2020. Spring recess is scheduled for Friday, April 10th through Friday, April 17th. Thus, the school is scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Today, the school district will begin implementing our Emergency Preparedness Plan which includes provisions for home instruction and the continuation of required food services. Please know that school districts in New Jersey that provide a program of "Home Instruction" to meet the educational needs of all students with equitable access to learning may count these days toward the 180-day school year requirement. Although, there is no substitute for children working in the classroom with their teacher, our teachers have worked hard and will continue to work hard to provide a home instruction program during the school closure that meets the needs of all learners.

Today, your child's teacher will communicate with you to describe the home instruction program that has been developed for students. As a parent, please be aware that all the information the district publishes related to the school closure and remote instruction can be found on the district's website. Please click on the link "Remote Learning Plans". This link will be published and operational later today.

During the upcoming weeks COVID-19 will present challenges for our school district, community and most importantly, our families. As individuals and as a school community we must all be patient, flexible and compassionate in our responses to this situation. Nothing can be more important than you and your family members staying healthy. If we can be of any assistance or you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. As a district, we have set up an internal system to keep the lines of communication open. As parents, please utilize your child's teacher as your initial contact for any questions. The administrators are in regular communication with the teachers and will provide guidance as needed.

Thank you in advance for your attention to and cooperation in this most important matter. Working together, we will all get through this most challenging time and be stronger for it on the other side.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Heino".
Scott Heino