## PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your family are staying healthy.

In these uncertain times, the Wildcat Staff continues to work diligently to make the best of a challenging situation. We are committed to keeping each student learning during this health-related school closure.

Here are updates on a few items that we have received questions on.

## **NJSLA/State Testing:**

The New Jersey Department of Education recently announced that it will cancel all state testing this spring. This includes the NJSLA for English Language Arts, Math, and Science. Teachers will continue to assess students' progress remotely on standards related to their content area.

## 3rd Marking Period Report Cards:

As many of you are aware, the third marking period is scheduled to end on April 8, 2020. There have been many questions in regards to grading and assessment during this time of remote learning. Many families are still finding their way to balance school work and having to work remotely as well. Teachers continue to assess students on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and are also remaining in compliance with our current grading policies. Report cards will still be viewable to parents/guardians through Oncourse on April 11, 2020, as previously planned.

If your child is struggling in any class, all teachers, guidance counselors, CST case managers, SBYS counselors, Intervention Team Members, and other support staff are available to provide virtual support and additional resources if needed.

**Spring Break:** Spring Break will begin on Friday, April 10, 2020, and will go through Friday, April 17, 2020. Students will not be required to log on to Google Classrooms during this break. Students can use this time to continue studying and completing outstanding assignments if necessary.

<u>Special Education:</u> Related Services will begin remotely next week. Please look in your email for notification and consent for these services on Friday. A Special Education Parent Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 7th at 1pm. Check email and Facebook for a survey and Zoom link for this meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child's building principal or contact me via email at gfrasca@prsdnj.org.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation as we navigate this unique situation together.

Stay well,

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