April 3, 2020

Hello Monmouth County Vocational School District Community,

We have now completed week three of remote learning, and I could not be more proud of the entire district including students. Our district has been operating at around a 95% attendance rate in all our programs. This is a credit to everyone doing their part in order to make remote learning successful.

As a district, we are hosting weekly remote staff meetings in order to discuss how we will continue to provide continuous and consistent education for all our students. Teachers and staff members have been excellent in thinking outside the box in order to develop ideas and lessons to engage all our students. Next week you will be receiving a letter that explains remote learning in further detail. If you have any questions about the letter, please reach out to your child’s building principal.

At this point the Governor has stated that he will not be making a decision on the future status of the 2019-2020 school year until at least April 17th. This means we will be closed as a district until that point. Our third marking period ends on April 6 and grades will be reported accordingly. As we move forward into the fourth marking period we will be discussing what assessment looks like as a district. Once a decision has been made related to any changes to grading, assessments or weighting of grades, we will communicate that information to everyone immediately.

This is a difficult time for everyone, and we must remember to be aware of the mental health of our students. Please have conversations with your children to ensure they understand this difficult time and can process it appropriately. If you or your child needs assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the district for support. All district numbers have been posted on our website at www.mcvsd.org. Counselors and nurses are available and can be reached by email or phone.

Thank you for your cooperation and hard work that has made remote learning successful at Monmouth County Vocational Schools. We must continue to collaborate and problem solve in order to remain consistent with the mission and vision of our schools. This pandemic will eventually come to an end, and we must be able to support each other through this difficult time. Our district has a wonderful staff, excellent students, and great parents; together we will overcome and come out stronger.

Remember to practice social distancing following the guidelines by the CDC and Board of Health. Take care of yourself and your families, and if you display any symptoms (ie cough shortness of breath or flu like symptoms) seek out medical attention.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles R. Ford, Jr.
Assistant Superintendent