

March 18, 2020 5:00 pm

Dr. DiLullo

Good Afternoon Johnston elementary families, This is Dr. Di Lullo the Superintendent of Schools with important information on the plan for distant learning over the next two weeks. As you know, Governor Raimondo has closed all public schools for at least the next two weeks. As I stated in previous messages to you, the district has formulated a distant learning plan to ensure that students continue learning over the next two weeks. Our teachers and staff have been working hard to get ready for this method of instruction. We will be distributing computers to elementary students who need them on Monday March 23rd. The distribution will take place at the Ferri Middle School Gym doors at the back of the building. Our staff will hand you a computer while you remain in your vehicle. You will be receiving this message by email as well with the necessary forms attached to fill out and return to us to receive your laptop computer. the forms can be accessed by the following bit.ly/JPSDLNA (case sensitive, all caps following the slash). It is important that you fill these forms out and return them to us immediately so we can plan for computer distribution. By Friday, you will receive the time for pick up of the lap top. The distribution of the computers will be organized by school and grade level. Students in the same family will be able to receive their laptops at the earliest time assigned. Also, on Monday our teachers will be receiving continued training on distance learning so that instruction will be ready to go on Tuesday. The distant learning day will be from 10 AM to 2 PM each weekday. Teachers will interacting with students as indicated by their planned learning activity. Students will be required to sign in each day so that we can record their attendance. As the Governor stated, it is very important for students to participate and engage in the daily learning for this method to be affective and for parents to monitor their child's participation on a daily basis. These two weeks are not a continuation of the vacation week but rather school weeks. Thank you for your cooperation. I know this is a difficult time for you and your family and you are being asked to assist in your child's education in a different way. Please know this is much appreciated and with everyone pitching in we can get through this difficult period successfully. I also want to let you know that beginning tomorrow, grab and go lunches will be available from 12 PM to 1:00 PM at the Thornton Elementary School and Johnston High School. Children 18 and younger are eligible and must accompany a parent or guardian to receive a lunch at the pick up sites. Lunches will not be given out if the child is not with the parent. Thank you for your attention with all of this information. I will continue to update you on any new developments.