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As we enter our second week of virtual learning, we remain committed to making adjustments based on feedback we receive from parents and staff. Teachers and administrators collaborate each day to provide support and make improvements specific to instruction and student learning. We are so proud of our students and teachers and their adaptability to the current situation. As always, we thank our families for their continued support of the virtual learning plan and the wonderful feedback we have received regarding their students' teachers, principals and assistant principals. Administrators in all areas from tech to curriculum, athletics to guidance are working hard to ensure that we deliver the best education possible under these difficult circumstances. We got this Glen Rock!

- **Further School Closure:** Though we had first announced we would be closed through March 27th and would re-evaluate, the Governor's Order now closes all schools until further notice. The District will continue to implement our virtual learning plan in order to provide student instruction during this Executive Order, with virtual learning days counting towards the 180 day requirement. **At this point, the reopening of school will be determined by Governor Murphy.**

- **High School Schedule Change:** Please click below to view the letter sent by Mr. Arlotta and Mrs. Bacolas regarding the High School schedule for the next two weeks.

[HS Bell Schedule for March 23 - April 3, 2020](#)

- **Schoology Disruptions:** Earlier today, Schoology reported a partial service disruption. What this means is that some students and teachers may see the message: *"our site is temporarily unavailable"*. These types of outages are not surprising, as most of the country has moved to remote learning. These problems are bound to happen from time to time. We appreciate your patience and flexibility with unanticipated technical issues. If your child does experience issues, here are a few websites to check for reported outages:

· Schoology Status Page: <https://status.schoology.com>

- **Honoring the Medical Profession:** Glen Rock Borough, in conjunction with other communities will have a nightly "CLAPOUT" at 8:00 pm from your driveway or front steps. Let's come together as a community to thank and show support for our healthcare providers.

- **Rainbows suggested by Central Principal, Mrs. LaCroix:**

Neighborhood children are going on walks but no longer can see their friends or go to the playground. Some families and communities are putting rainbows up in their windows for walkers to spot. If you would like to participate, please have your child draw a rainbow and put them in a front window or on your door. Take walks with your families and see how many rainbows you can find.

- **Donations:** There is an established drop-off site at Valley Hospital's main entrance at 223 North Van Dien Avenue in Ridgewood. Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm. If you have extra supplies of unused personal protective equipment, we ask that you consider donating them to Valley. This includes the following: N95 masks, Surgical masks, Face shields or goggles, Fluid resistant isolation gowns, and Non-latex (nitrile) gloves.

- **Restrictions are in place and children are not allowed on the school grounds or playgrounds.** Closures and social distancing measures are in place to protect everyone, and it is vital that everyone adhere to the restrictions issued.

- **Technology issues,** please contact helpdesk@glenrocknj.org.

- **Instructional questions,** please contact your child's teacher and/or the building principals.

Feedback: In closing, here are a few excerpts from feedback we recently received about virtual learning:

"I wanted to send a note to thank all of my children's teachers for your dedication to getting virtual school launched and running. I know it is hard work during such a stressful time, and many of you are doing this while having your own children home now too. You are the BEST! Having even a half-day of school has helped my boys so much to have some learning, structure, and even the social time. Our whole house particularly enjoyed gym class last week when my son and his friends were doing their burpee challenge. It was awesome. All your work and creativity will keep the kids (and all of us!) going through this challenging time and matters so much.

Dr. Wirt thanks for your leadership in making sure the middle school was prepared for this transition. I think I took it for granted at first that we were moving online and so quickly. As I speak with family and friends around the country, this is not the case in many places. We feel so fortunate to be in a district like Glen Rock. Thank you for all your hard work in making sure we were all ready and this is running so smoothly."

"I just wanted to reach out to you both as well as all the incredible teachers in regards to the online schedule this week. Initially I was concerned that the kids would be in front of their computers too much but everything seemed to work out perfectly....I am so grateful that my son had a schedule this week-it really was a blessing during this chaotic time to give him some sort of normalcy and keeping connected with his teachers and classmates."

"I just wanted to thank you all for your hard work and effort in getting the online schooling ready for today. I know it was a tremendous amount of work and pressure in such a short, stressful, and

rapidly-changing few days. My 4th and 9th graders are happily doing their work, thanks to all of you."

"Good morning, Ms. Bacolas! Thank you so much for your updates each day. I look forward to watching them and am so grateful to all the teachers for sharing their ideas, workouts, recipes, and family fun activities with us. You have made us all feel so connected to our schools and community during this stressful time."

"Thank you and your team for continuing to operate with the "new" environment. My three boys have learned to operate in this new world and change is good! Your direction and strategy is comforting and fingers cross that we come out of this sooner rather than later."

We are in this together.

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brett Charleston".

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