Hello everyone, this is Joe Meloche, Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public School District. Today is Friday, March the 13th, 2020. I have some very important updates for the folks in Cherry Hill.

First, our schools remain open. We will only close our schools in response to the Coronavirus if we are directed to do so by the Department of Health or the State of New Jersey. If we are directed to close them, we will notify our Community as quickly as possible through our regular channels of communication.

We have a Continuity of Learning plan that we will put into place if we are directed to close so that learning can continue for all of our students. In light of the Governor’s message from yesterday, we are making the following changes to things outside of the school.

First, we are canceling all field trips and class trips, all concerts and plays, all athletic competitions and any other large gatherings that involve large gatherings that involve more than 250 students or adults in one space in our schools.

These cancelations will take place through the end of Spring Break. During the week of Spring Break which is scheduled from April 6th through the 13th we will reevaluate the status of these activities. I understand the frustration that comes along with these cancelations, especially with our seniors involved in our shows and our Senior trip. I am the father of a senior in High School. We are actively working to reschedule and do set up a different trip for our students.

We continue to monitor the situation and this is a very fluid situation with information that comes to us. Our Staff continues to sanitize and clean our buildings throughout the course of the academic day and into the evening. As we receive more information from the State and the Department of Health we continue to push it out and share it with our Community. We will use our regular channels of Communication to send this information. Remember, if you have a question about what we are doing as a school district, please ask us. Come directly to our website, look at the information that we share, send me an email, but ask us directly, we will answer those questions.

I am grateful for the work that our staff continues to do to prepare for any situation that we may face and for our parents and families in Cherry Hill who continue to try to pull together to support one another to help us deal with all of these challenges.

If you have questions, please stay in touch.

Thank you.