



Montclair Public Schools

Office of the Superintendent

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COVID-19 Notification No. 12

- [The New Jersey Department of Education \(NJDOE\) has announced that they have postponed the Spring 2020](#) administration of all statewide assessments. This refers to the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English Language Arts, Math & Science (NJSLA), Dynamic Learning Map Assessments (DLM) and Access 2.0 for English Language Learners.
- **Graduation Options:** As per the March 24, 2020 NJDOE [broadcast](#) memo: **Cancellation of statewide assessments** will not prevent students from meeting their graduation assessment requirements. The NJDOE continues to process portfolio appeals for the small percentage of current seniors who have not yet met their graduation assessment requirement. MHS Seniors who need to complete the portfolio appeals process are expected to do so by May 8, 2020. MHS counselors will be in touch with parents and guardians of these identified seniors to review this process and assigned teachers will work with these seniors to support the work needed to complete their portfolios.
The NJDOE recognizes that the cancellation of these assessments will impact various aspects of education, including educator evaluations and certification, and school and district accountability. The NJDOE is working to mitigate any unforeseen consequences and will send guidance and communication accordingly.
- NJDOE has released [updates and FAQs](#) regarding school closures.
- Essex County has opened a drive-through testing site for COVID-19. Residents can visit www.EssexCOVID.org, where they will be required to complete a short online screening process before an appointment is scheduled. Residents will be asked several health-related questions and detail any symptoms they have related to the coronavirus. Upon completion of the survey, they will be informed if they are eligible for the screening/testing.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Although we cannot schedule in-person conferences, you are encouraged to email your child's teacher should you wish to have a virtual conference. Our teaching staff will happily schedule a conference.
- **Report Cards for Elementary School Students:** Parents/caregivers should have received an email this week from their Principal letting them know that report cards will be postponed until April 9.
- **Student Attendance:** Student attendance is being tracked through Google Classroom and individual teachers will begin entering this data into Genesis next week. We are mindful of the 180-day requirement and are adhering to all state guidelines.

Stay well, stay safe and stay connected. We are all in this together, and we will all get through this together!

Thank you, Dr. Nathan Parker