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Dear Parents and School Community Members:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to close all Union County Educational Services Commission schools and programs until further notice, effective Monday, March 16, 2020.

This decision was made solely in consideration of the safety and well-being of our students, staff and our local community. I assure you that there are no known cases of COVID-19 reported in any of our programs.

Our administrators and teaching staff members have worked tirelessly over the past weeks to develop a distance learning plan to provide continuity of your child's education while Commission schools are closed. All home instruction services will begin on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Crossroads School and Westlake School students can expect to receive individualized assignment packets from teachers and related service providers that were sent home today via regular mail.

Hillcrest Academy – North and South, Lamberts Mill Academy, Work Readiness Academy and Project Search students will complete assignments online via Google Classroom. Students should visit www.classroom.google.com and login with their UCESC email addresses to access digital classrooms for each academic course in which they are enrolled. Students who previously indicated that they are unable to access the online learning platform can expect to receive individualized assignment packets via regular mail.

Teachers and therapists in all programs will be available during "virtual hours" to support student learning and respond to any questions. All contact information will be included in packets and/or Google Classrooms.

At this time, I am unable to determine the length of time that UCESC schools and programs will remain closed. I will continue to work closely with the NJ Department of Education, the Union County Board of Health, and our Board Physician with the goal of minimizing the disruption to your child's education. You can expect to receive updates from my office and your child's school as relevant information becomes available.

On behalf of our administrators and teaching staff, I thank you for your patience, understanding and support. It is my hope that you and your family remain healthy and safe during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Terry Foppert
Superintendent