



# CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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This afternoon Governor Carney announced that in the best interest of our children, our community, and of our state that he was closing school buildings for the remainder of the 2019- 2020 school year. Now while our school buildings are closed the Caesar Rodney School District remains committed to providing educational opportunities for the children of our district and we are preparing to enter the second phase of our remote learning plan by introducing new content, taking attendance, and assessing student work.

We will publish more information regarding our steps forward on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Let me stress, that up to this point in time our focus has been on the review and reinforcement of the material taught either prior to or during the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period. We had hoped that our students would take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with the learning process, their teacher and their classmates, to improve their understanding of material and to improve their grades. Now beginning next Tuesday we will start taking official attendance. We will then begin introducing new material. While the remote learning process has been evolving, there may be a need to review, reinforce, and introduce material from this year to next. Still, all the work that has been done or is being done this year will count towards the student's promotion to the next grade level.

Now, while I understand the governor's decision will impact all of our children, his decision is especially disappointing to our seniors. So let me assure them, that we remain committed to making the celebration of their senior year a memorable one. Unfortunately, Covid-19 and the need for social distance will result in modifications to our commencement ceremony, the high school administration is working diligently on the plans for their ceremony.

Tonight, Caesar Rodney High School, along with high schools throughout Delaware will be recognizing their senior athletes, especially those who have lost their Spring Sport's season, by turning on their stadium lights. The lights will be turned on for 20 minutes and 20 seconds beginning at 8 pm. At that time, we invite you to look in the direction of the high school and see the lights shine at least one more time this school year in Rider Stadium and Legacy Field

Again, I want to thank our school board, our parents, our teachers, administrators, and the rest of our Caesar Rodney staff as we work together to create meaningful educational experiences for our children.

Stay well and stay safe,

*Kevin R. Fitzgerald*

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