



## CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*"Where Children Come First"*

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January 24, 2019

Dear Parents, Families & Community Members,

After much consideration, we have decided to close all district schools on Friday, January 25th and Monday, January 28th. We are experiencing a large number of student absences due to respiratory/flu and gastrointestinal illnesses. Unfortunately we are also experiencing a large number of students being sent to school before they have fully recovered, putting themselves and others at risk. We have been in discussions with our district physician, the County offices and the Department of Health. Although the NJ State Health Department is not recommending closure, we feel that this step is in the best interest of our students. Another consideration is the impact on instruction caused by this high degree of absenteeism. In order to allow our students to recover and limit exposure to illnesses, as well as deep clean and disinfect, we have made the choice to close all district schools.

In addition, we are canceling all after school activities. These after school activities will be rescheduled, and we will update this information on the school website. Other groups using our facilities after school and over the weekend will also be canceled and rescheduled.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of keeping a sick child home. Anyone with a fever must be "fever free," without using fever reducing medications, for a full 24 hours. The spread of illness through exposure has become a major concern for both students and staff. We will post information from the CDC and State of New Jersey on the district website.

We do understand the difficulty it can present with child care and work obligations, however, it is imperative that we limit contact with children that have become ill. We deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our children and staff safe and healthy. Finally, our district physician strongly recommends getting vaccinated for the Flu. Vaccines are still available at many locations.

Sincerely,

Michele Cone  
Superintendent of Schools  
Clinton Township School District