



## Cumberland County Department of Health

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March 15, 2020

Leslie White-Coursey  
Interim Cumberland County Superintendent  
Re: School closure due to public health concern

Dear Ms. Leslie-White Coursey,

In a March 13, 2020 letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Education, guidance was given to district and charter schools to collaborate and consult with their local health authority to determine if a school closure would be in the best interest of students and staff because of a public health related concern.

Please let this letter serve as confirmation of our group consultation via conference call on March 15, 2020 regarding the closure of public schools in Cumberland County effective March 17, 2020 due to concerns of COVID-19. This support is contingent upon each school/board of education submitting a plan and receiving approval from the County Superintendent of Schools that meets the current criteria set forth and provided by the New Jersey Department of Education for closures during a public health related event.

Please distribute this letter as needed to Superintendents and Chief School Administrators in attendance on the conference call referenced above.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Sheppard".

Megan Sheppard  
Health Officer  
Cumberland County Department of Health



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