

# SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CALENDAR CHANGE

Dear Parents,

With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the news, we want you to know that as always, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [There is currently no recommendation to close schools in our area.](#) However, we have been asked by the Department of Education to act with a precautionary set of protocols and to develop a plan [should it](#) become necessary for school closure where the day [would still](#) count as a school day for students. This is called “school dismissal” meaning that school is closed, but students would still maintain learning in one form or another.

It is important to be prepared and doing so does not correlate to increased concern, but not being prepared is simply irresponsible and we will always err on the side of caution over irresponsibility. Plus, we hope that having plans like this in place will one day be considered an alternative to snow days. In order to prepare for this, [we will have an early release day on Monday, March 9th](#) so that we can develop strong and meaningful plans for your children in the event of “school dismissal”. If this should become necessary, you will learn more specifics from your school and teachers. **We are also planning to use this time for additional disinfecting of all of our buildings and school buses.** The after school program will operate as it normally does on an early release day on Monday.

As always, the students and staff of South Brunswick are our number one priority and we want to do what is right for our students and be prepared should a “school dismissal” become necessary. As always, we will send important updates as necessary and no less than weekly, but please remember to go to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) for any questions that you have concerning the Coronavirus and also check our website for updated information.

Thank you and again, as a best practice for overall health and influenza season please review the recommendations by the CDC to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases including the COVID-19. [Please click here to review.](#)

In closing, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. Remember, **being prepared does not correlate to increased concern, but not being prepared is simply irresponsible and we will always err on the side of caution over irresponsibility.** Stay healthy South Brunswick!

This is Scott Feder signing off on this important Health and Safety update!

Additional resources: [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#)