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Greetings East Orange School District Parents/Guardians and Caretakers,

Happy New Year! My hope is that your families are well as we embark upon the year of 2021. This communication is to provide you with critical East Orange School District updates.

On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, the East Orange Board of Education, in consultation with local agencies and partners, including Dr. Monique Griffith, the East Orange Director of Health and Mr. Victor Kuteyi, the city's Health Officer, approved the district's extension for remote learning for all students until Monday, March 1, 2021.

This decision was based on the 2020 holiday travel, influenza season, coupled with the upswing of COVID-19 cases in New Jersey, more specifically Essex County area. Though this has been a difficult decision to make, it is necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. **Towards that end, it has been concluded that the district will remain fully remote for students until Monday, March 1, 2021.**

We would like to thank you for your continued support as we collaborate in making decisions that are in the best interest of the City of East Orange and the East Orange School District.

Educationally Yours,



AbdulSaleem R. Hasan, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools