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Greetings East Orange School District Parents/Guardians and Caregivers,

I hope that you and your families are well. As your Superintendent of Schools, I would like to thank you again for your flexibility and adaptability as we continue to navigate our “new normal” by overcoming odds to achieve success. Towards that end, we are asking for even greater flexibility and adaptability as we delay phase II of our student re-entry plan.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021. This also includes our pre-kindergarteners and vulnerable populations that were previously identified to return on site.

This decision was based on the advisory with regards to upcoming holiday travel and the influenza season, coupled with the uptick of COVID-19 cases in New Jersey, and more specifically, the 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. **Again, it has been concluded that the East Orange School District will remain fully remote for all students until Tuesday, January 19, 2021.**

Again, we 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