

Dear Oradell School Families, Faculty, and Community Partners,

While New Jersey is making great strides in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, we are told by governor Phil Murphy that schools cannot reopen this school year.

Recently we were informed by Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management that *“In light of the components of Executive Order No. 107, and in the best interest of the health and safety of the public, in-person ceremonies, including graduations, parades, including “wave parades,” that invite people to gather at a certain location, proms, and other similar celebrations violate the enumerated conditions of the order, and should therefore be cancelled or postponed until such time as these restrictions are lifted. Until such time, virtual celebrations and other remote forms of recognition should take the place of any in-person or public ceremonies.”*

While this is disappointing news and we are unable to come together to hold our annual spring events due to social distancing, we will plan alternate virtual celebrations and develop plans to honor our students.

At this time, I would especially like to congratulate the sixth grade students that will be leaving us to attend seventh grade in River Dell. Oradell has been your home for the past seven years and it is time for you to move on, a time to travel down new paths, time to make changes and time to make new choices. My heartfelt congratulations to you and your parents. I wish you the very best next year--remember Oradell Public School will always be your home!

For all those impacted by illness and loss of life during this public health crisis, be assured you remain in our thoughts. On behalf of all in our district, please accept my best wishes for safety and health in days to come.

Barbara Longo
Interim Superintendent