March 12, 2020

District Community:

Good evening. As noted in prior communications, everything is always subject to change. I can now report that after our meetings today with the County Executive and County Health officials, it has been agreed upon that all Bergen County schools will close for two weeks. I reiterate there are NO positive cases reported in Maywood or our schools. As has become increasingly apparent, especially over the last several days, the spread and reach of the Coronavirus is having a greater and greater impact on both Bergen County’s 71 school districts as well as larger society. It is becoming abundantly clear that the only way to assist in the stop of the spread of this virus is for us all to do our part and to socially distance ourselves from one another.

Therefore, the Maywood School District will close school effective Monday, March 16th. Although the County will re-evaluate in conjunction with school districts over the course of the next two weeks, Maywood will be closed until at least March 27th with the hopes of re-opening on March 30th. Both schools will be closed to all outside activities as well. A detailed plan regarding the home instruction expectations will be forthcoming will be sent under a separate cover/email.

Please see below for how the school district and Borough will operate.

**Friday, March 13**
Full Day. Students will be asked to bring home all books and belongings at the conclusion of school on Friday for the two week closure. We will have class meetings to inform the kids of the closure and teachers will introduce them to what to expect during the closure from a school work standpoint as outlined in last night’s email. We will take the afternoon for planning purposes.

**Monday, March 16 & Tuesday, March 17**
“Snow days” will take place on Monday and Tuesday, the 16th and 17th with no home instruction requirements to allow for teacher preparation of all materials and technology. Home Instruction will commence on Wednesday, March 18th using virtual and packet based instruction.
Monday, March 16- Friday, March 27
Schools are Closed

Chromebook and Packet Distribution
Chromebook distribution for families who do not have a digital device at home for their child will take place on the 17th and 18th with a schedule of times to be determined. Hardcopy packets of materials, particularly for the younger students, will also be distributed on the 17th and 18th with a schedule of times to be determined.

Free & Reduced Lunch
Free and Reduced Lunch will be provided for those who qualify as if it were a normal school day. Distribution of the lunches will take place daily from 11am to 1pm at MAS. The distribution will take place on the back field by the entrance to the MAS cafeteria.

Lastly, as noted in a prior message, this is absolutely not ideal but it is now the right thing to do. School is a priority but in this regard, the health and safety of your families and the greater good of the health and safety ramifications as a county and as a state, unequivocally take precedence. This is not a symbolic closure but instead it is based on guidelines and requirements as set forth that limits the gathering of large crowds. I reiterate that there are no positive cases in our schools. However, this closure and that of the county should remind us all of our own responsibilities to assist with this problem and to practice the same behaviors in our everyday lives during this closure which include social distancing, decreasing your visits to large crowd areas and maintaining proper hygiene precautions consistently. Throughout the course of the closure we will remain in contact via email, Reverse 911 and text messaging to provide any and all updates.

Many thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Michael Jordan

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Superintendent of Schools
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Dear Maywood Residents,

Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to minimize potential exposure/transmission of COVID-19, the Borough in coordination with our Office of Emergency Management will be closing/restricting non-essential facilities and activities as follows:

1. Senior Center/Recreation Center is closed until further notice
2. Senior Bus service will be modified effective March 16th (see below)
3. Maywood Public Library is closed until further notice
4. All recreation and club activities are cancelled until further notice (MYAA, MRPGS, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, etc.)
5. All non-essential committee and Board meetings are cancelled until further notice.
6. The March 26th Planning Board Meeting is cancelled.
7. The April 26th Maywood Street Fair is cancelled.

The Maywood Office of Emergency Management has been in contact with the houses of worship in the Borough. We have provided strong recommendations that all non-religious activities and outside use of church facilities be cancelled until further notice.

We urge all residents to utilize sound judgement in their daily activities. This should include avoiding large crowds, washing hands frequently, and staying home if you do not feel well.

Borough offices and all other services are unchanged at this time and we ask that common sense be used and avoid visiting any of our facilities if you are sick. The Mayor and Council in consultation with the Office of Emergency Management will update you as the situation changes.

Signed,

Richard Bolan
Mayor
REVISED MAYWOOD SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

Monday & Friday

Time Location For Pick-Up & Discharge

Departs 9:00 AM – Maywood Ave. (near Myron Mfg.)
9:00 AM Maywood Ave. (near Myron Mfg.)
9:05 AM Maywood Ave. & Demarest Pl.
9:10 AM Maybrook Dr. & Essex St.
9:15 AM Lydecker Manor (150 E. Passaic St.)
9:20 AM Borough Offices (15 Park Ave.)
9:25 AM Memorial Park, Spring Valley Rd. Lot
9:30 AM W. Pleasant Ave. & Spencer Joseph Way
9:35 AM W. Pleasant Ave. & Palmer Ave (Maywood Market)
9:40 AM W. Pleasant & Maywood Ave (Pleasant Courts)
9:45 AM Maywood Ave. (near Myron Mfg.)

Drop offs will be limited to West Pleasant Avenue – No Shoprite or HUMC stops until further notice