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Dear DLC Parents:

Re: DLC School Closure as of Monday, March 16, 2020

Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of your children and our staff, the MUJC's Developmental Learning Centers in New Providence and Warren Township will be closed for students as of Monday, March 16, 2020. This decision was made after review of updates from the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Providence and Warren Township Departments of Health. Although there is no evidence that any student or staff member in our DLCs has evidence of COVID-19, we are committed to minimizing the possible risk contagion.

I know that the closure of DLC will be extremely disruptive to both your child and your family. We are deeply sorry about this disruption but, in light of the ever-increasing concern regarding COVID-19, there is no option and our decision is consistent with the decisions of many school districts.

Your classroom teachers have been preparing instructional lessons for your children. Lessons may be accessed through the Morris-Union Jointure Commission website under the "Home Instruction" link on the Home Page or under the "Parents" tab or under "DLC – New Providence" or "DLC – Warren" under the "Schools" tab. Each week's lessons are contained in a folder which may be found under the teacher's name under the designation, DLC – New Providence or DLC – Warren. Teachers have provided 4 weeks of lessons, which include academics. There are also posted lessons from your child's speech/language specialist, occupational therapist, and physical therapist and counselor, if your child receives those services. Effective Monday, March 16, please feel free to open Week 1 of the instructional lessons and participate in instruction with your child. If you need additional lessons, please know that you may access any of the lessons we have posted. That way, you have access to as many instructional lessons as you wish at a variety of academic levels. Effective Monday, March 23, please feel free to open Week 2 and proceed similarly for each of the four weeks.

While I do not know how long this school closure will be, please know that your classroom teacher, occupational therapist and speech/language specialist, as well as physical therapist and counselor (if your child has those related services) will email you on a regular basis concerning your child.

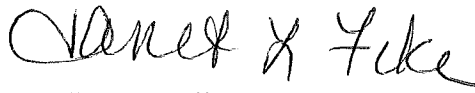
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Our teachers and related services therapists will also be available to you for any instructional questions about the lesson plans that you may have through their MUJC email. They will respond to you on work days during school hours. While we know that the lesson units and email contact with our staff does not begin to replace a school day at the DLC, we are trying to ensure that the DLC school closure provides for academic content and staff involvement if you choose to do so.

During our school closure, please monitor your email, the MUJC website, Facebook, Twitter, and the EBB. Those are the means by which we will contact you.

Again, please know that I am so sorry that we have to disrupt your child's education by the school closure. In light of the ever-increasing concern over COVID-19, there is no other option. This preventative measure is preemptive to ensure your child's health and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet L. Fike". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

Janet L. Fike

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