Schools will stay closed through end of school year

Plans unclear for summer, fall; no spring sports, but alternative graduations possible

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Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, public and private school buildings throughout New Jersey will remain closed for the remainder of the school year and students will continue learning from home.

On Monday, May 4, the governor, speaking at a virtual meeting of the state’s educational health task force, announced that the state will help districts come up with alternative means for celebrations such as graduations, proms and other school events.

Gov. Phil Murphy made the announcement at his daily press conference on Monday, May 4, 11 days ahead of his self-imposed deadline.

“We reached this conclusion based on the guidance of our public health experts and with a single goal in mind, the safety of our children and the health of our teachers and our families,” Murphy said.

“I hope we could get back to a sense of normal where students return to the schools they love and their friends and families. I hope we can safely reopen our schools to students and families or facilitate and staff the conditions to re-turn to in-person instruction,” he added.

He revisited his mantra that public health creates economic health, by saying public health also leads to educational health.

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