



We Raise New Jersey Praises Education Community, Offers Support in Facing COVID-19 Crisis

Trenton, NJ (March 27, 2020) – Since the global coronavirus pandemic has taken hold of New Jersey and the rest of the nation, the education community has stepped up in bold and innovative ways. In the 10 days that have passed since Governor Murphy announced an indefinite statewide closure of schools, we have seen inspiring examples of community at its best: parents and families rising to the challenge of teaching children at home; educators and school personnel finding creative ways to connect with students; superintendents working around the clock to lead district responses; school boards and other local and state leaders seeking policy changes and flexibilities, and many more.

We Raise New Jersey applauds the tireless efforts of these leaders to support our most vulnerable students and families in the face of COVID-19. Our coalition works to ensure every New Jersey student is prepared for success in college, career, and life. During this time of unprecedented challenges to our education system and economy, we are focused on supporting the state response to the crisis. We will do this by understanding the needs and concerns of the education community now and for the future, bringing together diverse voices to share solutions, and promoting positive actions we all can take.

Together, we will continue to show the rest of the country that New Jersey is up to the challenge before us. We will keep equity at the center of our collaborative efforts on behalf of students, families, schools, and districts. We will celebrate the inspirational actions taking place every day, and elevate the needs yet unmet so that we can find ways to meet them.

Please visit our COVID-19 response web page at www.werajen.org/CV19 for a list of resources, information, and pandemic-related updates. Sign up for our weekly newsletter sharing ongoing developments and important information at <http://www.werajen.org/sign-up/>.

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About We Raise New Jersey: WRNJ advocates for the high-quality education every student deserves to be prepared for success in college, career, and community by harnessing the collective strength of New Jersey's influential education, business, and civic organizations. Coalition members include: African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, JerseyCAN, New Jersey Business & Industry Association, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Charter Schools Association, New Jersey Council of County Colleges, and New Jersey PTA. For more information, visit <http://www.werajen.org>, and follow [@WeRaiseNJ](https://www.facebook.com/WeRaiseNJ) and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/we-raise-nj/>.