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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you to share the steps that have been taken and the plans being made as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic that our country is experiencing. Let me start by saying that our children's safety is our first priority. All of our district actions to this point and going forward are guided by the desire to protect our children.

To date, we have taken steps recommended by the CDC to deter the spread of the virus and other illnesses. We are daily encouraging our children to wash their hands thoroughly. We are daily cleaning all of the desktops, handles, doorknobs, and water fountains, with an approved, environmentally friendly cleaner that kills all viruses.

There is the potential that our school district, as well others across the Commonwealth, may be required in the future to close for an undetermined length of time. Please know that the Pennsylvania Department of Health is the governmental body that would make any potential decision to close. Likewise, they would also determine when the school could re-open.

In the event that closing our schools should become necessary, our priority would be to do everything possible to continue the learning process while our children are at home. Arrangements would be made to send all available learning materials and technology devices home if asked to close. Families would be informed of grade level and content specific expectations through regular communication from the assigned teachers. Our faculty would communicate with students with a variety of methods available in each home. Examples of this would include phone calls, emails, technology platforms such as Google Classroom, Class Dojo, Empower, Remind, and others. We will strive to work with each child to monitor progress and provide as much assistance as possible during the school day. Our emphasis will be engaging students in learning. Assessment and grading of the learning will take a secondary role.

A couple of steps that are recommended as we all plan for a potential closing:

1. If your contact information (phone number and email) has changed and not been updated since the beginning of the school year, please contact the main office of your child's school to update that information.
2. If you would like to receive text messages with general district information, please be sure to provide a mobile number.
3. Consider what arrangements may be needed in planning for your child to be home for an extended period of time.

4. If a school closing becomes necessary, reassure your child that all of this is being done to protect his/her safety and that the closing is only a temporary step.

If asked to close by the Department of Health, it would be new territory for all of us as parents, students, and school staff. If notified, we will contact all parents immediately and begin implementation of our plan. Patience, flexibility, communication, and overall cooperation during this potential event would all be incredibly important. I am confident that our Commodore Perry families and community will rise to this unprecedented challenge if we are called upon to do so!



Kim Zippie
Superintendent

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