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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope this finds you all well, and remaining calm and focusing on what each and every one of us can do to remain safe and fight back against the outbreak of Coronavirus. I wanted to provide some updates as well as some clarifications regard to our present plan and preparations.

The district schools are closed this week as pursuant to the Governor's Order effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The utilization of our spring break was designed specifically to provide the district with adequate time to move over to a digital learning model effective March 23. The fact is that whether the district was closed for spring break or open for classes it would not have been in session due to the ongoing public health crisis.

Over the course of this week we have been diligently planning for the opening of our virtual school on Monday. The platform is being finalized and debugged and we are consistently communicating out advisories relative to Food Services, medication retrieval, and academics.

By the end of this week, we will be launching a number of resources for both students and parents, including tutorial videos and helpful links to help clarify exactly what the student day and teacher workday will look like. We seek to offer meaningful engagement and opportunities to learn in the absence of the physical classroom, as well as maintain the services normally provided by the school district to the best of our ability under the current circumstances.

As for now, I find comfort with the knowledge, as many of you have communicated to me, that we are here for each other in solidarity to remain safe and supportive as a community.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.
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