

March 20, 2020

Millersburg Area School District Community,

As we conclude the first week of the mandatory 10-day school closure, the administration continues to participate in daily briefings provided by the PA Department of Health, PA Department of Education and/or Governor Tom Wolf. This afternoon, the PA Department of Education reaffirmed that all PSSA and Keystone exam testing has been cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year. There is legislation working its way through both chambers of the PA Legislature regarding a multitude of issues linked to the internal workings of a school district as an employer. Several of these items will assist the District in navigating potential “next steps” regarding the possibility of continuity of instruction for our students. Until then, our teachers have been working to develop *optional enrichment activities* for our students to explore during the remaining days of the mandatory 10-day closure. These activities will be posted to teacher websites or Canvas courses by 8:00 AM Monday, March 23, 2020. The activities are designed to provide some fun educational options for students as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times together. **Please note, there will be no instructional expectations of students during the Governor’s mandated school closure.**

The District will continue to offer all students currently enrolled in the district, Free Grab-and-Go Bagged Meals during the mandatory 10-day closure. Distribution of meals will continue next week on Monday, March 23 and Thursday, March 26. Meals are available for pickup between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the high school entrance. Following current federal guidelines, children must be present to receive the bagged meals and congregating at the distribution site is not permitted.

The continued spread of COVID-19 requires us to work within rapidly changing circumstances. Further communications will be forthcoming over the next week as we continue to monitor the updates provided by the Governor, PA Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

I know there are many questions that remain unanswered; I promise you, I have them too! The administration will continue to provide updates throughout the mandatory closure. We will get back to “normal” at some point, but right now I am not certain as to when that will occur. I appreciate the continuing, supportive efforts of our community. As a community, I ask you to continue practicing social distancing, washing your hands, and please ... be safe!

With sincere appreciation of your support and understanding,

Thomas J. Haupt
Superintendent of Schools