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Dear Parents and Staff,

This is an update to previous correspondence sent to you on February 5, 2020, March 6, 2020, and March 11, 2020 regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As of today, we continue to have no known cases of Coronavirus within the Perth Amboy Public School District. However, we continue to receive information about the importance of taking safety measures to prevent the virus from spreading further.

Before making any decision, The Perth Amboy School District has sought guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health, the Middlesex County Department of Health, the District Physician, the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education and the Board of Education Attorney. In addition, the district kept in mind the message sent by Governor Murphy yesterday when he urged the cancellation of all public gatherings greater than 250 people. The district also monitors the precautionary measures that other school communities are taking to protect their students and staff.

To this end, Monday, March 16, 2020, will be utilized as a full professional development day for all staff, and schools will be closed for students only. In addition, please note that schools will be closed for all students and staff from Tuesday, March 17, 2020, through Friday, March 20, 2020. Remote education will be provided as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten through First Grade students will receive a packet with assignments to complete at home. In addition, students in grades 2-8 will take home materials and resources that they will need to complete assignments that teachers will send to parents via email and/or regular mail. Students in grades 9-12 will be engaged in digital learning using their Chromebooks. Teachers will provide assignments remotely using resources such as Google Classroom and Google Docs, and students will be able to complete them online and ask questions as needed.

All parents and students can get in touch with their teachers via email during regular school hours throughout the duration of any school closure within the district. Please keep in mind that each remote education day will count as a day of school towards the 2019-2020 school year.

In addition, all field trips and extracurricular activities, including all before and after school events are cancelled until further notice. This includes all athletic practices, games and scrimmages, student clubs, teams, parent meetings, and school plays. Any outside organization using our facilities will be notified of this decision immediately.

This difficult decision was not made easily. The welfare and safety of our students and staff are of the utmost importance. This is a precautionary and proactive response to the potential health risks we are facing. We will continue to provide you with updated information as it becomes available. Parents may also receive communications from our individual school administrators, counselors, and other Perth Amboy educators, throughout this remote education experience.

Please remain healthy and follow-up on all precautionary measures outlined for you in previous correspondence. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through this very difficult time together.

Sincerely,

Dr. David A. Roman

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