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Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

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Good Evening Upper Darby School District Community,

This is Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan McGarry with another update. Our goal is to be flexible as possible as we have transitioned all of our students to virtual learning during the state-mandated school closure. We know that technical issues with our Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology, are causing frustration for you and your family as you attempt to comply with the Emergency School Closing Educational Opportunities Plan's mandatory phase. As I stated in yesterday's update, students will not be penalized for attendance or inability to participate in online learning as Schoology works through these issues.

I am happy to report that over 88% of the students in the District have been accessing the educational opportunities we have been providing. The data clearly indicate that our Upper Darby Royals are committed to learning. The data also clearly indicate that the Upper Darby Staff: Principals, Transportation, Maintenance and Facilities, Food Service, Our Crossing Guards, Our Secretarial Staff, Our Safety and Security Department, Central Registration, Technology, Central Office Administration and without question the **Upper Darby Teachers** are driven to succeed and focused on our tagline:

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Thank you to our families and our students. I hope you know that we care about you and miss you. We know this is not easy, and we recognize that for many of you, especially our SENIORS, this is not how you wanted the year to go. I do know this, however, as an Upper Darby Royal Graduate, I have no doubt that you/we are resilient, optimistic, and looking forward to better days ahead. We are not giving up on making plans to celebrate our Seniors. Stay tuned Seniors, I know Principal Simone and her team are making plans to celebrate you over the next month. Please continue to work with us as we work with you to make the best of this challenging time. We are committed to making improvements as we move forward with this emergency plan. We are not perfect, but our hearts and minds are focused on giving you, our Upper Darby Royal Community, all that we have.

I also wanted to share some exciting news. The Aronimink Elementary School Renovation and Expansion Project took another step closer to becoming a reality. Early in the morning (a little after 1:00AM) on April 2nd, several members of the Upper Darby Township Council voted to approve our land development plans for the project. You can access information on this project here: <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/domain/1909>

I wanted to say thank you to the Upper Darby Township Leadership and Upper Darby Township Council for their questions and engagement and for providing us with the opportunity to present our plan. We are so excited to move forward with Phase 1 of our plan to improve the overall educational facilities and begin to address enrollment concerns in our District.

Do not forget that we will not be in session from April 6-10, but we will still be providing grab and go breakfast and lunch from 9AM-11AM. Please use your Spring Break to catch up on any missed assignments and turn them in to your teacher(s) by April 10, 2020.

As a reminder please also continue to follow the social distancing recommendations from Governor Wolf's Office.

We miss all of you very much, and we are looking forward to a time when we will all be back in school together. We will get through this.

Please continue to visit our website for updates. Have a wonderful evening and break!