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Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

Governor Wolf Announces Schools Closed for Remainder of the 2019-2020 Academic Year

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Good Afternoon Upper Darby School District Community:

This is Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dan McGarry, contacting you with another update. Our goal is to be as flexible as possible as we transition all of our students to virtual learning during the state-mandated school closure. Earlier today, Governor Wolf announced that **all Pennsylvania Schools are closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year**. While this is without question somber news, we have to focus on remaining safe and healthy in our collective efforts to combat this terrible virus.

Students, please continue to complete any assignments from last week and remember to turn them in by the end of the day tomorrow, April 10, 2020. We will continue our Educational Opportunities Plan on April 13, 2020. We will also be announcing a plan to provide families with a second Chromebook following Spring Break. We will be targeting families who have multiple children. A communication will go out to those families for a date and time to pick up an additional device. We are going to move forward with our plan to provide your students with the best education we can during this very challenging time. We have to continue to remain patient with one another and keep our lines of communication open and positive.

I know there will be many questions from the community, students, and staff about this most recent announcement. As a result, I will be providing you with another update

following our Tuesday, April 14th, virtual Board Meeting. We are making plans on how to best hold a graduation ceremony, adjust our remaining school calendar, and provide you with as much up-to-date information as we can while schools are closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

To our students, please remember to stay engaged and give your best effort. I know this is not how you wanted this school year to go. We miss you very much. Together, however, we are going to overcome this adversity and do our best to finish the year strong because that is what Upper Darby Royals do! We focus on what we can accomplish not on what we are unable to accomplish. One day and one week at a time, we are going to get through this.

On behalf of the teachers, instructional support staff, Board of School Directors, and administrative team, we want to thank you again for working with us as we navigate this latest announcement. Remember to send any emails for support with Schoology to familyschoologysupport@upperdarbysd.org. Visit our website regularly for updates and resources. Please stay safe, healthy, and strong in these unprecedented times.

Governor Wolf's Announcement:

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/governor-wolf-extends-school-closure-for-remainder-of-academic-year/>

School Guidance (Pennsylvania Department of Education): School Closures

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Pages/AnswersToFAQs.aspx>

Enjoy the remaining days of Spring Break! We get back to online learning on Monday, April 13, 2020.