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Region 10 Community Members,

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and well. We have now completed our first full week of Distance Learning and overall, based on community feedback, it went very well for getting started. Moving forward we will continue to adapt our Distance Learning program carefully and thoughtfully as we receive feedback along the way. Although we are collecting ongoing feedback, we will be formally collecting feedback District-wide from students, parents and teachers during the week of April 6, 2020. Hopefully after 2-3 weeks of our initial roll out this feedback will provide us direction if any changes, significant or subtle, need to be made.

The Governor has clarified his latest school closure to be until April 20, 2020. This is an adjustment from the original statement that was through April 22, 2020. I am fully expecting and planning for this closure to be extended. The pace of infection in our state and country is very much on the upswing still and the CDC states that we are at least several weeks or more from seeing a peak. That being said I am hopeful that the steps we have taken in our state and community will help to keep the overall number of infections lower. It is important that we all remain committed to social distancing protocols. We all need to be in this together for it to work. Toward that end, all schools have now been cleaned and disinfected. No one but approved personnel will be allowed in schools until such time as we are ready to reopen. If you have left absolutely critical items in the schools that need to be retrieved contact your school principal and we will do our best to make arrangements for the item to be retrieved and sent to you. **Likewise, all school grounds are currently posted as closed.** We need this posting to be adhered to. According to the NIH and CDC a substantial part of the spread of this virus may be by people who do not have symptoms and may never get ill. So, we need community members to avoid congregating and closing our school grounds is part of that effort.

The Board of Education is planning on holding its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Monday April 6, 2020 in an online and phone conference format allowed by the Governor's Executive Order regarding public meetings. More information about how you can access the meeting will come out later this week.

I know that we are in a period dominated by unknowns but there are important things we do know. We know that we are in this together as a community. We are all committed to helping each other out. If you or your family have a critical need please reach out and we will help connect you with the right resources. Your teachers, principals, and school staff all miss your children greatly. Please take care of yourselves and your families. We can't wait to be back in our schools together again.

Stay home, stay safe, stay well,

Howard

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