

March 22, 2020

Dear Muncy Family,

I hope your entire family is doing well during these unique times.

The purpose of this letter is to continue to provide updates related to Governor Wolf's closure of schools. First, we would like to make you aware of the updated guidance we are receiving from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Second, we would like to let you know what actions we are taking in response to PDE's guidance. Lastly, we would like to provide you with an opportunity to continue to give us feedback so we can work together to respond to the needs of our families.

Please use the 'School Closure Guidance' link below to access the 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)' document maintained by PDE. Since PDE updates this link on a regular basis, please continue to review the link for future updates. The most recent update was completed on Friday, March 20th. Additionally, please use the 'COVID19 Education' link below to review additional resources from PDE. By using these links, you can receive updates as we receive them.

- [School Closure Guidance](#)
- [COVID19 Education](#)

Our short-term goal for this week was to have our teachers use pre-established methods for communicating with the home (e.g., teacher website, e-mail, Remind®, Class Do-Jo® etc.) to provide opportunities for enrichment and skills reinforcement. Our sincere hope is that families and students found this outreach beneficial. As we expect to continue these outreach efforts during this upcoming week, please continue to check all methods of communication you established with our teachers at the beginning of the school year for updates (e.g., teacher website, e-mail, Remind®, Class Do-Jo® etc.).

Although we are hopeful to be back in school as soon as possible, as it is just not the same without all the individuals who make up our Muncy Family bringing our hallways and programs to life. Based on current events, we are diligently working toward developing a long-term 'school from home' solution in accordance with guidance expected to be received from PDE early this week.

While we certainly realize this transition will be imperfect, we feel we need to develop a path forward for the benefit of all. Your feedback will be critical in helping us overcome obstacles in an effort to meet the needs of individual families. Additionally, we hope to connect with families this week to find out more about device access and Internet access in the home.

In an effort to address the complexities with this transition, we will be working with our teachers all this week. The feedback, experience and leadership of our teachers are essential in helping us support the diverse needs of our students. Through collaborative efforts, we hope to begin our long-term 'school from home' solution on Monday, March 30th. Please look for additional guidance on our long-term 'school from home' solution next Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Please note all schoolwork for students is voluntary during our two-week, short-term goal period (March 16th through March 27th) for providing enrichment and reinforcement activities for students. Meanwhile, beginning March 30th any newly assigned schoolwork could be required in moving forward with a long-term 'school from home' solution.

All athletic and extracurricular activities and events continue to be cancelled or postponed. We will notify you if there are any changes in status to either the athletic schedule or extracurricular schedule in the future. Additionally, if changes to the 2019-2020 academic calendar are necessary, we will provide notification in a timely manner. Currently, we are considering all work with our teachers during these last two weeks as Act 80 days for professional development.

We will evaluate our student lunch service at the end of this week and let you know if there will be any changes to how the program operates moving forward. Also, our construction project is now delayed in accordance with Governor Wolf's order to close non-life-sustaining businesses in Pennsylvania.

Please continue to forward your questions to the individuals listed below. We will work as quickly as possible to answer individual inquiries and look to answer frequently asked questions in future updates.

1. For high school related questions and concerns, please contact Nicole Edwards at nedwards@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3220
2. For elementary school related questions and concerns, please contact Vickie Conner at vconner@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1100
3. For special education related questions and concerns, please contact Cheryl Good at cgood@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1250
4. 4. For food service related questions and concerns, please contact Tom Kuntz at tkuntz@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1120

We look forward to a time we can have all students back in our buildings. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and your families. Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

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