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Dear Palmyra School District Families,

We are nearing the end of our second full week of remote instruction and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, parents, and students for all of their hard work and sacrifice. As a team we are handling the challenges of social distancing and remote learning. Our students remain actively engaged in their learning, our teachers and support staff are unified in their efforts to modify instruction, and our parents are working overtime to help facilitate their childrens' learning at home. Our Palmyra Family is both proud and strong!

This past Tuesday, March 24, 2020 the district received formal notification from the NJ Department of Education that state assessments for this school year are cancelled. Information on this notification can be found [here](#). Graduation requirements for the Class of 2020 remain in effect and our team at PHS will be working closely with our seniors to make sure they are ready to graduate. Likewise, each student needs to continue to do his or her part to complete classroom learning assignments.

School meals are available for eligible families each week. Meals are distributed on Monday from 10:00 – 11:45 am at the Charles Street School Cafeteria. Please use the back doors of the cafeteria that face the parking lot on Henry Street. Staff will provide every person with a “grab and go” package that contains breakfast and lunch meals for five (5) days. Additional information about school meals can be found [here](#).

Students who need to borrow a Chromebook or who need print materials for instruction should contact their teacher or building principal. Chromebooks and print materials for instruction are distributed each Monday from 10:00 -11:45 am at the Charles Street School Cafeteria. We are here to help so please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

On March 21, 2020, Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order 107](#) closing all public elementary and secondary schools as long as the Order is in effect. As such, all Palmyra School District buildings will remain closed, but remote instruction will continue until the Order is lifted. Please understand that it is important for the health and safety of our entire community that we follow the requirements established by Governor Murphy's Office.

I will continue to provide updates using our website, email, phone broadcasts, and social media posts. Building principals and your child's teacher(s) will continue to use similar methods to communicate with you and your child. Important surveys are being shared with families to help the team gauge the delivery of instruction and the methods being used. I kindly ask that you consider responding to these surveys so that we can make adjustments that will help the whole team.

“Education Takes Teamwork”

The health and well-being of our students remains my highest priority. I, along with the dedicated team of school counselors, case managers, our School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Kendall, and our teachers and administrators, am here to offer assistance at any time. Please feel free to reach out to us using email or our direct phone extensions. Staff contact information can be found on the district's website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian J. McBride
Superintendent of Schools