



Sharon City School District

Office of the Superintendent

April 3, 2020

Dear Sharon Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

On behalf of the Board of Education and the staff of the School District, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this unprecedented crisis. As you know, the situation is constantly changing and we will continue to do our best to let you know what we know. The following are updates regarding our current status:

1. **Governor Wolf has extended the school closure “until further notice.”** At this time, we are working in two-week planning periods. The current phase is from March 30 until April 10. The next two-week cycle will begin on April 13. This is for planning and materials distribution purposes.
2. We are continuing our meal program, providing a grab and go lunch along with breakfast each Monday through Friday. Meals are available to all Sharon residents ages 18 and younger. There is no charge for the meals. **Meals are being served from 11am until 12:30pm.**
3. The District will continue to provide instructional materials designed to offer review and enrichment supports for all students. **Students should give the material their best effort.** Please do not stress over the work. All materials provided cover items that your child(ren) have been exposed to in the first three quarters of the school year. They may have forgotten some of the information, which is alright. Help where you can and ask your child to make an effort. Please keep all materials you complete for return in the future.

We are working on materials for the April 13 phase. We will be distributing materials using both online support through Google Classroom and paper/pencil packets. If you have not yet done so, **please complete our technology survey found on our website under the March 26 COVID 19 news tab. See our COVID 19 news post on our website for details. If you cannot access our website, please call 724-983-4000 ext. 4097 to complete the survey.**

Students in off campus schools (i.e. Crossroads, Pathfinders/Kitestrings, St. Stephens, New Horizons, IU4, and Rich Center) will receive their materials from their campus sites. Students enrolled in CPAS are to continue with their online work.

4. We have officially ended the third grading period. All grades through March 13, 2020 will be processed and **report cards will be distributed via mail by April 10, 2020.**

5. There remain many questions about how this extended school closure will affect school life in the areas of grades, promotion, graduation and so much more. We continue to work jointly with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and our District Solicitor's office related to guidance on these issues. As soon as we are provided clear direction, we will keep you updated.

6. The district website (www.sharonsd.org) continues to be the best means of up-to-date information. Please review it often during this shutdown period. We will continue to add links to the website to a variety of free, online web resources that you and your children can use to keep their brains engaged. As you can imagine, many questions arise as we work through this pandemic. We are answering most of these questions through our website, via email and on our social media sites. Do not forget that you can also access all information through the Sharon City School District app that can be found on Google Play or the App Store.

In closing, we ask that you take this pandemic very seriously. Remain home where possible, cover your mouth when out in public and wash your hands frequently. To our parents who are first responders, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily. Remember we are always **#SharonStrong!**

Sincerely,

Michael J. Calla

Superintendent