Dear Families,

In light of the Governor’s 2:59 p.m. announcement below, our previous plan to run Flexible Instructional Days for the next two weeks is no longer in action. The Governor’s mandate supersedes our previous announced plan; therefore school will remain closed from March 16, 2020, through March 29, 2020. This means that teachers will not report during the two week mandated closure and no instruction will be delivered. In the Governor’s message, he shared that schools will not be penalized if they fail to meet the 180 day or school hour requirements. Our Flexible Instructional Days may still be needed after the mandated two-week closure depending upon unknown variables.

Please take care of yourselves and your families during these uncertain times. We will continue to communicate new information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ken Lockette, Superintendent of Schools

Governor Wolf’s statement:

“We understand that these are trying times and recognize the impact of the coronavirus on our students and communities.

First and foremost, my top priority as governor – and that of our education leaders – must be to ensure the health and safety of our students and school communities.

As such, I am ordering that all schools in the commonwealth close for the next two weeks.

Be aware that no school district will be penalized if it fails to meet the 180 day or school hours requirements.

The Department of Education will work with intermediate units and other stakeholders to support school districts with any continuity of learning plans they may be pursuing. Also, the Pennsylvania Department of Education announced today that it received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow eligible schools to serve meals to low income students in a non-congregate setting, such as a drive-through or grab and go, during this closure. We will also work with schools to assist them with those plans.

We appreciate your collaboration as we work together to deal with this difficult issue.”