March 18, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility during this unprecedented time in our community. On Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor of Pennsylvania ordered all schools to be closed and South Fayette Township School District will remain closed through March 27th. During this period of closure we are working to prepare for online and distance learning. Before that transition we want to continue to support our families and students. Our teachers compiled a comprehensive list of enrichment activities (see attachment) to help support our students and families. Accessing these materials is optional, but the resources are provided to keep our students and families engaged in learning if you choose to do so. Our teachers created this list over the past few days so that your children can continue to engage in learning relevant to particular grade levels and content areas.

Our school counseling team has also provided a document (see attachment) with resources for families in need during this crisis. This includes information about food access, mental health resources, COVID-19 resources, and more. This information, along with other resources, will also be posted on the new COVID-19 preparedness page on the South Fayette website.

If the mandated school closure goes beyond the two-week period, we will activate online/digital learning. We are currently working closely with the South Fayette Education Association so that we are prepared to provide K-12 online and non-digital instruction for those who do not have Internet access. Detailed information pertaining to this will be communicated in advance of activation.

For families who do not have Internet access in the home, we are asking you to please call 412-221-4542 Ext. 862. You will receive a voice message asking you to leave your name, phone number, and mailing address so that we may contact you. This will enable us to provide learning materials and resources so that all students will have access to the curriculum. This letter was sent via U.S. Mail as well so that we may connect with all families.

As I previously stated, during this time of need, it brings me great pride to be a part of the greater South Fayette community. We will continue to face significant challenges and I remain confident that we can overcome anything that the future brings us. We are fortunate to have a faculty, staff, and community that can come together under adverse circumstances and support our students and each other.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ken Lockette, Superintendent of Schools