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Good afternoon Interboro School District Community:

This afternoon the Governor announced that he will be closing all schools in the state of Pennsylvania. As of today, schools will be closed on Monday, March 16, 2020 and tentatively re-open Monday, March 30, 2020.

As it turns out, when the government shuts down a district in this manner, in order to have continuity across the county, there is no expectation that instruction continue. Interboro is providing resources to keep students engaged in learning. The Elementary list of resources will be posted on the ISD website by grade level. Middle School and High School teachers will contact students' families within 24 hours of the school closing announcement with assignments.

With all of that being said, we recognize there are many questions surrounding this most recent decision and we have provide as many answers as possible but please realize this issue is very fluid and clearly subject to change. At this time, the questions that have been most asked are as follows:

- 1) Will we have to make up the days that we will be closed during this period of time?** We have been told that we will be able to apply for a "waiver" for the days in which we have been directed by the Governor to shut down and I plan to take advantage of the "waiver" and will apply accordingly in order to avoid having to make up these days.
- 2) Will graduation still be on the same date as proposed?** The "waiver" is of course a big part of that answer and we should be successful in that process. We don't see why we would not graduate on the date that is already set.
- 3) Is there any chance that we may be out longer than the time period already outlined by the Governor's directive?** There is always that possibility, but my hope is that this mandatory shut down will help to eliminate some of the spread of this COVID-19 thus allowing us to get back to business as soon as possible.
- 4) Will we be eliminating spring break due to this mandatory shutdown?** A decision has not been made at this time

I will do my best to provide updates regarding this matter and I ask for your patience and support as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

Sincerely,

Bernadette C. Reiley
Superintendent of Schools