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Dear West Perry Families,

In the past 24 hours, state and federal agencies, as well as private organizations, have taken dramatic steps to limit the growing number of presumptive and confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Governor Wolf announced this afternoon that all Pennsylvania schools will be closed from March 16th through March 27th. Schools are scheduled to open again on March 30th.

This action follows statewide guidance provided by Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine, which goes into effect today. This guidance strongly encourages social distancing, which includes the suspension of large gatherings and events for a two-week period. In addition, individuals are discouraged from traveling to recreational activities like gyms, movie theaters, and shopping malls.

We believe it is our responsibility to implement social distancing measures to protect our students and staff, and to mitigate the potential for Coronavirus to spread in our community. In addition to schools closing, the following actions will be taken:

- All extracurricular, athletics events/practices, and after school events will be cancelled effective Monday, March 16th.
- Use of district facilities by outside organizations will be suspended as of Monday, March 16th.
- The district will continue to provide regular updates to parents, guardians, and concerned community members via our website at www.westperry.org, and with direct e-mail messages via School Messenger to families, as this situation is rapidly evolving.

Below are some practical steps you can take to help curb the spread of COVID-19 in our community:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, not your hands.
- Clean surfaces frequently.
- Stay home, if you are sick
- If you, your child, or a family member are exhibiting signs of COVID-19 (fever, cough, and shortness of breath) CALL your healthcare provider. Additionally, you can call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (24/7) for information and assistance from the PA Department of Health.

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Mr. David M. Zula
Superintendent of Schools
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