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## Turkeyfoot Valley School Closure Update

March 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Governor Wolf closed all schools in Pennsylvania for a period of ten school days due to the spread of COVID-19/Coronavirus effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020. At the end of the ten day period, the Governor will determine if schools will reopen or remain closed for another period of time. We would like to share updates and information about this closure and the steps being taken by the district during this period of time to meet student needs.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education stated that schools will not be penalized for failing to meet either the day or hour requirements for the school year due to this closure. PDE will provide more information on this statement in the future. When the information becomes available we will share it with you.

At this time, PDE has allowed districts to choose how to provide educational opportunities during the school closure. The Turkeyfoot Valley School District has chosen to prepare work packets for students. These materials are meant to help students practice and independently review concepts. All materials have been prepared by your child's teacher(s). Our hope is that parents and children working together on these enrichment activities will allow time to share in your child's learning experiences. By completing the packets, the district hopes students will be able to resume their regular studies with less difficulty when school resumes. Packets can be picked up at the school between **Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and Friday, March 20, 2020** from **11:00am to 2:00pm**. Packets will be available at the bandroom entrance. If you are unable to pick up packets at that time, please call the district to make other arrangements. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to spend time learning with your child.

The district also wishes to continue serving the nutritional needs of students. The Turkeyfoot Valley cafeteria will be providing **grab and go meals Monday through Friday** at the band room entrance from **11am to 2pm**. As much as possible, the regularly planned school menu lunches will be served. A breakfast for the following morning will also be provided with the daily lunch. The meals are free to all and can be served to any child ages 0 to 18 living in the home of a district enrolled student.

Per the orders of PDE, only essential staff will be at the school. Service and student support meetings will be rescheduled, and school personnel will call to set up new times. Guidance and counseling services are available upon request. Students requiring guidance services, such as counseling, transcripts, or work permits, should call the school and leave a message with the receptionist. The guidance staff will respond to requests in a timely manner.

All student activities scheduled during or after school are cancelled or postponed during this time. Fundraisers, to include the Little Caesar's Yearbook Fundraiser delivery, will be rescheduled. All school property is unavailable for use and groups will be notified when school property is available for use again. The PIAA will issue guidance on sporting events. The information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

During this time period, the custodians will be deep cleaning and sanitizing the school. The school buses are also being deep cleaned and sanitized during this time. We are also providing information in this packet on ways to help your child during this stressful time. We hope you find the information useful.

The school district's priority is the health and safety of students and staff. As such, we strive to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus but also provide as many supports and services as allowable to assist our families during this closure. Please call the school with any questions or needs that you may have during this time. We will share new information as it becomes available through school reach, mailings, and on the district website. We are committed to meeting student needs and look forward to your child's return to school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffrey S. Malaspino  
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