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Dear Fairfield Families;

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Last Thursday, April 9th, Governor Wolf and Secretary of Education Rivera closed schools for face-to-face instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. While we have been preparing, as a District, for this possibility, it did not make the announcement any easier to hear. We will continue to move forward with our Continuity of Education Plan for all students. We know that, for some students and families, remote learning is far from ideal, and we recognize that some of our families struggle, but it is the option we have at this time. We are committed to supporting all of our students in the most appropriate way possible.

The district administration have been meeting to provide the most appropriate ending of the school year for the students academics. The 3rd marking period has ended (there was an extended period for students to make up and turn in any missing work) and reports cards will be distributed in the near future. The high school student's work for the last three weeks will be added to their 3rd marking period grades. These assignments will be counted in the extended 3rd marking period, because of block scheduling and missing the second half of their semester.

For the duration of the 4th marking period, teachers will continue to create engaging assignments and activities that deliver the approved curriculum of the district that our families have become accustomed to and deserve. All students are expected to work on the assignments and activities provided by their teachers. However, we **WILL NOT** be providing a grade to any student for the 4th marking period. Students will be provided strategic feedback on their work. Notations will be provided on student transcripts. Additional questions should be directed to building principals.

We know that for many students, especially our seniors, the announcement is heartbreaking. To our seniors: please know that, as a District, we are committed to ensuring we are able to celebrate your accomplishments in a safe way and that we will be looking at many alternative ways to do this. My heart truly goes out to all of our student athletes and performers as well, who I know work year-round to be prepared for a brief window of time, which has now unfortunately closed. We will also continue to try to identify the best way to provide closure to the year for all students in ways that are safe and meaningful and to look for ways to make up opportunities that our students have missed.

We will provide updates in the coming weeks about how our families can retrieve belongings, which are still currently at school. I encourage all of our families to attempt to complete the assignments that students are receiving because doing so will greatly support your child's continued learning with minimal disruption once we are able to come back together in a face-to-face format.

We remain incredibly grateful for your continued support of our District, staff, and programs.

Yours in education,

Mr. Michael Adamek

