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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

I am writing with my weekly update on the status of the District during the closure.

Frankly, there is not a great deal new to report. We have no indication of when the Governor plans to reopen schools. He has sent mixed messages in his remarks during the daily news conferences. On one hand, he recognizes that reopening the schools will require a great deal of planning. On the other hand, he seems to link the reopening of schools with the reopening of the non-essential businesses. As of now, we would be permitted to reopen on May 18th. It would be difficult to imagine how we would maintain social distancing at school given the present state of the pandemic.

Our teachers continue to provide a comprehensive online program of instruction to our students. They have worked hard to identify grade appropriate material for their classes. While the percentage of students who are working on the online material has increased, we are still very concerned about the few students who have done little or nothing to complete their assignments. Any parent who needs assistance in working with their children should contact the teacher(s) or the student's principal.

We continue to prepare meals for the students who need them. Breakfast and lunch are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday for pick up at the high school or delivery by one of our dedicated volunteer drivers. If you are not on our list and need to have food provided by the district, please email mealorders@ppcsd.org.

Finally, we realize that this is a very stressful time for everyone. We continue to be concerned about our students. If you feel that you need assistance from our counselors, please contact our principals. This staff is also working remotely and would be happy to assist.

Best wishes and stay healthy,

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent