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Dear Riverview families,

We are writing to inform you that our current school closure to assist local authorities with containment of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has been extended. This message provides details we have learned from state agencies, as well as information regarding our district's Continuation of Learning plan. We hope this information will assist you with your own planning.

We received word this afternoon that Governor Tom Wolf issued a stay-at-home order for numerous counties, including Allegheny County. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced today that all schools must remain closed through at least April 6 and the closure could extend beyond that date. The Riverview School District will follow the recommendations of the PDE.

Under the PDE timeline, and if there is no extension to the closure, schools would reopen April 7 and allow two days for staff to prepare classrooms and sanitize buildings for the reopening. Students would return April 9 unless the closure needs to be extended. All standardized testing for this school year has already been cancelled.

In anticipation of this news, our staff proactively developed additional lessons for our Continuation of Learning plan. These plans will go into effect March 30. Over the next few days, details related to our Continuation of Learning Plan will be communicated to our families via the district website, email, a telephone call and Facebook. The plans also will be posted to our homepage at www.rsd.k12.pa.us. The Continuation of Learning plan will provide a quality and sufficient educational experience. Our teachers and administrators have been fine-tuning a realistic, appropriate and reasonable plan over the last two weeks.

We sincerely thank each of you and send our deepest gratitude for rising to this challenge with us. We truly miss our students and cannot wait for the day when we are all sharing a classroom once again.

We will get through this together!

