## **Oxford Area School District**

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Dear Oxford Stakeholders,

Based upon the decision of Governor Tom Wolf to close all schools in the Commonwealth for 14 calendar days, Oxford Area School District is closing all district schools <u>beginning Monday</u>, <u>March 16, 2020</u>, to safeguard the health and wellness of our students, staff, families and the community at large from the spread of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). As you are aware, we have recently moved from phase 1 to phase 2 in our emergency plan. As of Friday, we are moving from phase 2 to phase 3, school closure.

We will reopen at the earliest on Monday, March 30, 2020. The date to reopen may change based upon information regarding the spread of COVID-19. Please know that all Chester County school districts and the Chester County Intermediate Unit are also all closed <u>from Monday</u>, <u>March 16</u>, and opening <u>on Monday</u>, <u>March 30</u>. Please know that this also means that there will be no transportation to any out-of-district placements.

Given this is a fluid situation, the information will be disseminated via BlackBoard Messenger and our web page. Enrichment for all students will be provided by their teachers using the teacher web pages and learning management system. We wish that students engage in the enrichment from their teachers; however, this enrichment will not be graded.

We realize that shuttering our programming makes a significant impact on our daily lives; however, we feel this is most necessary to ensure the safety of all of our stakeholders is placed above all else. The impact on our calendar will be minimized and graduation, as well as the final day of school, will be on time.

The phase level action plan is a document that moves both left and right so that when we come back in session, we will be in phase 2 of the plan. With any luck, we will rapidly move to phase 1 and then to 0. Please note that we will ask our students, stakeholders, and staff to practice social distancing during the closing of the District and through this pandemic.

Please be safe.

Regards,

David A. Woods Superintendent