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Staff, Students, and Parents:

In an effort to keep you updated on our COVID-19 School Closure Plan, Patrick County Public Schools will continue to communicate important information as we obtain new guidance. By now, you have received information regarding a variety of topics related to our educational system including grading, graduation requirements, and continuity of education. Please know that we are continuing to work to provide instruction and other essential services during this ordered school closure.

The delivery of new instruction will start on Tuesday, April 14th. Specific information regarding digital learning and distribution of instructional packets will be communicated later this week. In the meantime, please continue to use the instructional activities posted on the division website and/or the activities your child's teacher has suggested.

It is very important that we continue to practice the safety procedures and adhere to the guidance from the Virginia Department of Health and the Center of Disease Control:

- Please stay home in accordance with the Governor's order.
- When it is necessary to leave your home, continue to practice social distancing.
- Adhere to the 10-person limit.
- Continue to wash your hands frequently.
- Wear face coverings in public settings.

I know that this is a stressful time for everyone with much uncertainty. Our county, state, and country will continue to work through the current situation, and hopefully we can resume our daily activities soon. In the meantime, any changes in our current plan will be communicated once new guidance is received from the Department of Education, CDC, and other organizations.

Take care and please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

C. Dean Gilbert
Superintendent