



## PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Students:

As I am sure you are aware, Governor Wolf has closed schools in Pennsylvania at least through April 6.

After much discussion here at Pleasant Valley School District, the district will continue to provide resources and guidance for voluntary at home learning through Friday, April 3, 2020. These activities continue to be optional for students, ungraded, and will not introduce new learning. At Home Learning Resources will be provided during this time period on our website at [www.pvbears.org](http://www.pvbears.org). These resources will be added and updated for Monday morning, March 30.

We made this decision due to the need to provide equity for all students once new instruction begins. This is proving difficult for many schools in Pennsylvania and nationwide, and Pleasant Valley is no different. Pleasant Valley has many challenges, including the rural nature of our community, where even today we have families where access to the internet can't even reach their homes; hundreds of families without home computers; over 1300 special needs students for whom we must make equitable provisions, and more.

Therefore, the entire staff will be working this week and next to prepare for more structured, teacher-directed learning that will provide continuity of instruction for all students beginning April 6, 2020. To prepare for April 6, administrators and teachers have been working diligently and will continue working together next week to plan instruction using online tools and provide new learning with consistent instruction and feedback. Teachers will also participate in virtual professional development activities next week on use of these learning tools and video applications and will meet virtually for principal, team, and department meetings. Technology staff will continue to get computers out to families, and our special education department will be working with families to ensure equitable learning for our students with special needs.

By April 6 Pleasant Valley will be ready to begin student instructional days. We thank you for all of your support and understanding, as well as your flexibility and patience. Please stay healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

Charlene M. Brennan, D.Ed.  
Acting Superintendent