April 9, 2020

Good Morning,

A short while ago, Governor Wolf, in partnership with Education Secretary Rivera, closed all PA public and private schools for the remainder of the school year. We have also posted the Governor's press release from today (April 9) on the district website at nesd1.org. The North East School District will continue on-line learning through Google Classroom and follow the Continuity of Education plan for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The plan is posted on the district website.

We will continue to finalize the plan which will include information on graduation. We know many of your children have clothing and backpacks in our schools, the items are safe. After Erie County lifts the “stay-put” we will make arrangements for students to retrieve their personal items. Please read our Frequently Asked Questions on the district website as this may address some of your concerns.

Please make sure you and your children are communicating with their teachers and building level principals/assistant principals as well as the special education supervisor. I have included contact information below for district administration and school counselors.

We wanted you to know that we are here for our families; please let us know if you need anything. On-line lessons will resume on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent
The Mission of the North East School District is to challenge, empower, and engage all students to develop and achieve personal and career aspirations, to pursue lifelong learning, and to be responsible and accountable citizens in a dynamic world.

- If your child needs to speak with someone due to feeling stressed or feeling isolated at this time, please have them contact one of our school counselors:
  - **High School**
    - Mrs. Dawn Coletta – School Counselor - Erie County Technical School/Learning Support, (IEP/GIEP) - dawncoletta@nesd1.org
    - Mrs. Laura Panek - School Counselor - Freshman & Juniors - lpanek@nesd1.org
    - Mr. Matt Puskar - School Counselor - Sophomores & Seniors - mpuskar@nesd1.org
    - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – hmartin@nesd1.org
  - **Middle School**
    - Mrs. Nicole Welch – School Counselor – nwelch@nesd1.org
    - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – hmartin@nesd1.org
    - Ms. Danielle Lesik – Mental Health Liaison – dlesik@nessd1.org
  - **Elementary Center - Intermediate and Davis Elementary Schools**
    - Ms. Kimberly Hart – School Counselor – khart@nesd1.org

- If you or someone you know is having a mental health crisis or needs support, there are several resources available *(Not NESD resources)*:
  - Safe Harbor WarmLine – 877-550-4007 open Tuesday-Saturday, noon-7:30 p.m. for anyone who just needs someone to talk to someone.

- If you need help or assistance with anything during this time, please reach out to our district administrators:
  - **High School:**
    - Dr. William Renne – wrenne@nesd1.org
    - Mr. Nathan Otis – notis@nesd1.org
  - **Middle School:**
    - Mr. Greg Beardsley – beardsle@nesd1.org
    - Dr. Steve Karns – skarns@nesd1.org
  - **Intermediate Elementary:**
    - Mr. Brian Emick - bemick@nesd1.org
  - **Davis Primary:**
    - Dr. Jennifer Ritter – jritter@nesd1.org
  - **Special Education:**
    - Mrs. Brianne Hodges: bhodges@nesd1.org
  - **Technology:**
    - Mr. Tyler Wilson – twilson@nesd1.org
    - Mr. Peter Zielinski – pzielinski@nesd1.org
  - **Superintendent:**
    - Dr. Michele S. Hartzell – mhartzell@nesd1.org

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