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March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Due to concerns relative to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Washington Township Schools will be closed, effective 6:00pm on March 13, 2020. Schools will be closed through March 27, 2020. Schools plan to re-open on March 30, 2020. While schools are closed, educational programming will continue through remote learning opportunities. As stated in yesterday's notice, students should check their teachers' websites daily for assignments. Students should anticipate working on assignments for sustained periods of time, as these lessons are in place of the normal school day.

Teachers will post assignments / updates on their webpage by 3:00pm each day. The posted assignment / lesson should be completed the following day. For example: Tuesday's assignment / lesson will be posted on Monday by 3:00pm. Teachers will be available for assistance between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm daily to support student learning. If you have questions or concerns regarding an assignment, please email the teacher. Students should have brought some school materials home with them this afternoon. If you need to pick up your child's work/materials, please contact your child's school. Remember to check webpages for special area teachers (art, music, physical education), as they will also post assignments / lessons for each grade level.

As a reminder, teacher websites are located under the teacher & staff section of the school page on the website. To access teacher pages, go to the district website: <u>www.washtwpsd.org</u> and click on the "Our Schools" tab. Under this tab you may click on your child's school page and scroll to the contact information. Lessons, links, and activities will be provided for each day schools are closed. There will be flexibility in terms of how assignments are returned for grading, since some students may have limited access to the internet. Parents can contact their teachers, guidance, child study team, and administrators via email during the time school is closed.

Plans have been made for students that are in need of food during an extended school closing. Families eligible for this program will be contacted via Honeywell Instant Alert with program information and food pick up times. If your family needs nutrition assistance during a school closing, please email or call your child's building principal.

We recognize this is a challenging and potentially confusing time for our students. If you have concerns regarding your child's mental health or ability to cope during this transition, please reach out for support.

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If the school district can be of assistance, please reach out to district administration.

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Sincerely,

Keith T. Neuhs Superintendent

