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Dear Sylvan Union School District Families and Community,

First of all, please allow me to thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time. During our Governor's address last night, he shared with all of us of his plan to possibly keep our schools closed until the summer break.

We understand that this latest guidance may be alarming and unfortunate, but these are rapidly changing times and we are responding with unprecedented decisions. Currently, staff is working to determine our next steps and how to support learning during the school closure. After Spring Break, the District will communicate these plans to all Sylvan families. In the meantime, we encourage families to focus on family health and well being during the upcoming weeks. Our recommendation to parents/guardians remains the same - please keep your family's physical and emotional health in focus. We look forward to providing you more information related to academics by April 3rd.

We want to take this opportunity to remind **everyone** that this requires a **community effort**. If we do not all support the Public Health recommendations, including social distancing and avoiding non-essential activities, the closure of our schools will not be as effective in containing the spread of virus. The decisions we all make impact the entire community, family members and our ability to return to our everyday activities, including school.

As a reminder, we are committed to continue to serve and support our students and families. We are in the process of determining a food distribution program for people age 18 and younger, similar to our annual Summer Feed program. We are planning for this to begin Monday, March 30, 2020. A letter will be going home to all families with the details.

These are difficult times, but we will get through it. As a member of the Sylvan community, please continue to take all of the necessary safety precautions and take care of each other.

Sincerely,

Debra M. Hendricks
Superintendent

Our Mission:

To provide a dynamic, broad-based education that prepares each child to be a contributing member of society.