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Dear Folsom Families,

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds all of you healthy and in good spirits. The efforts and sense of community during this challenging time has been overwhelming by students, staff, parents, and extended family. The famous proverb saying, "It takes a village..." is the epitome of what WE are doing TOGETHER to support our children in this new frontier of virtual school. It is my hope that we continue to celebrate our wins and work through our challenges together.

As a follow-up to the March 15th letter to families, **our school closing will be extended indefinitely**. As everyone is aware, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy closed all schools in New Jersey and will provide further guidance on when schools can re-open for students and staff. As a staff, we will continue to support your children through our virtual school platform during this time. Please continue to use the school website for school closure information and educational activities. In addition, teachers have done an exceptional job providing daily updates using online platforms such as Google Classroom, Remind, and Class DoJo.

Your child's attendance in virtual school carries the same importance as if he or she was sitting in a classroom at Folsom School. The teachers are responsible to take daily student attendance using a number of creative methods. Please make sure your child is being counted present each day. Student attendance is finalized by 12pm each day. Lastly, please communicate with your child's classroom teacher if there are any challenges to checking-in by 12pm.

We will continue to follow the school calendar during this time, therefore, **April 9, 10, 13, and 14th** will be observed as a Spring Break. This is a perfect time for all of us to *unplug* from virtual schooling and recharge for virtual school to start back up on April 15th.

In closing, we are empathetic to the challenges you are presently facing – balancing work loads, school expectations, family responsibilities and many more. Our mission is clear at Folsom; we are committed to working with you to provide your child(ren) the best possible learning opportunities we can. Thank you for your continued understanding and support. If you have any questions, please contact me at mmazzoni@folsomschool.org or by phone at 609-561-8666 ext. 111.

Respectfully,

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