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Dear Folsom Families,

The health, safety, and welfare of our students, staff, and families are at the forefront of our decision-making as we continue to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak as a national health emergency. Folsom administration have had ongoing communication with the New Jersey Departments of Health and Education as well as closely monitored the press conference held on Friday, March 13, 2020 by New Jersey Governor Murphy, in which he declared, "it will be a matter of days before schools close" and that "school closures are inevitable."

On Saturday, March 14th, Atlantic County Superintendents, along with the Director of the Atlantic County Department of Health and the Atlantic County Executive Superintendent, participated in a conference call. We discussed the pros and cons of closure and also reviewed information provided by the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health.

In an effort to join together to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, **Folsom School District in conjunction with Atlantic County School Districts have made the decision to close schools effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 for a minimum of two weeks with the potential for a longer closure.** We will continue to monitor the information available and any details that may require a longer closure. In addition, we will provide updates and information specific to the firm date for Folsom School to reopen.

Folsom School will open on Monday, March 16th to finalize all "home instruction" plans for students. Our administrators, teachers, and staff will provide students with additional guidance and reassurance about the closure. We believe this will help the children with this unprecedented school closing. Lastly, students can take home any other materials or belongings needed or wanted at home during the closure.

Please refer to our school website for all the school closure information and educational activities. An ***Update on the Coronavirus Tab*** (located at the top right corner of the website) will contain a list of learning activities with the necessary resources and materials for each grade level and content area. Students in grades PK -3 received learning packets for two weeks' worth of work. Please look for updates regarding additional materials if the school closure is extended.

Folsom Staff will provide the specifics regarding breakfast/lunch meals on Monday. Note that this applies to families that qualify for free/reduced meals. Also, directions regarding students who have medication at school that is needed at home will also be given to those families.

The health and safety of our students and staff will remain our top priority. Thank you for your continued understanding and support. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at mmazzoni@folsomschool.org or by phone at 609-561-8666.

Respectfully,

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