March 14, 2020

Dear Steel Valley Community,

The decision late yesterday by Gov. Wolf to close all schools in Pennsylvania for the next two weeks has forced the District to change its plans. Instead of using FID days on Monday and Tuesday (3/16 and 3/17) for the creation of additional FID packets, the District now will be closed for teachers, aides and students for the full two weeks between Monday, March 16, and Friday, March 27. The planned half-day of school on Wednesday, March 18, will not occur.

Because the COVID-19 pandemic has been so fluid, I expect that new decisions and information may be forthcoming over the next two weeks. Currently, the closure is for two weeks, but I suggest that you prepare for a possibly longer closure.

Providing educational services to our children is a very important responsibility. An important part of those services is the nutrition we provide through breakfasts and lunches. Beginning Tuesday, March 17, “to go” meals will be available in the High School lobby and Barrett gymnasium for our students and any younger siblings who are not old enough to be in school yet. Regardless of which Steel Valley school they attend, your children may pick up the meal bag- which will contain lunch, the next day’s breakfast, and a snack- at the school that is more convenient for you. Meals will be available between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM (noon) at both locations.

We will continue to communicate with our stakeholders throughout this extraordinary period. Remain calm, and please be sure to look after the health of your family, your neighbors, and yourself.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent