March 22, 2020

Dear Steel Valley Community,

We completed the first week of dealing with the closure of our schools and the curtailment of society as we have known it our entire lives. For as long as the COVID-19 crisis lasts, the District is here to support our students, families and community.

This past week we distributed over 1,300 meal bags- each with a lunch, breakfast and snack- to children throughout the community. We are grateful for the support of our partner, the Salvation Army, which provided 300 additional bags of food on Friday. I commend Lisa Runco, our Director of Food Services, and all of our Food Services workers who are making sure the nutritional needs of our children are met.

The leaders in the District have begun the planning for the resumption of learning outside of school, and we will share our plans early this week. In the meantime, please encourage your children to read and to utilize some of the resources we have provided online or as handouts during meal distribution, which runs Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM through 12:00 PM (noon). As a reminder, the meal bags are handed out in the High School lobby and the Barrett gymnasium.

I also encourage you and your children to exercise during this time. Whether we notice it or not, all of us are experiencing some level of anxiety or stress during this period of change and isolation. Physical activity goes a long way toward the maintenance of good health, not only physically, but also mentally and emotionally. Please continue to look after your family, your neighbors and yourself.

Wishing everyone good health,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent