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*Edward Wehrer
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Dear Steel Valley Community,

Earlier today Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera closed all schools in Pennsylvania for the remainder of the school year. While families and educators are disappointed across the entire Commonwealth, the Secretary's decision was necessary for the good of our collective public health. Going forward, the school district pledges its continued support for our students and families through remote learning, the Steel Valley Family Support Program, and our grab 'n' go meal bags. Meals will not be distributed tomorrow, Friday, April 10, though they will resume on Monday, April 13.

The out-of-town trips that were scheduled- our Band and Cheerleaders were headed to Disney, our 8th grade students were going to Washington, D.C., and our History Club planned a trip to Philadelphia- are now cancelled. We are working to get refunds for those students and groups.

For the Class of 2020, I am so sorry that your senior year has been upended the way it has. As of right now, we are postponing the events that help make the end of the year full of special memories for our graduating class. **The Prom, Dr. Griffin Academic Awards Banquet, National Honor Society Induction, Senior Breakfast and Commencement have been postponed, not cancelled.** We will do our best to make those celebrations happen in June or July.

Thankfully, our community has not been hit hard by COVID-19 at this point. Please continue to model good health habits: wash your hands frequently, cover any coughs or sneezes, stay home as much as you can, and when you do need to leave your home, practice social distancing. I wish you and your family a healthy Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent