March 31, 2020

Cornell Families:

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. We have one full week under our belts with our remote learning, and we are well on our way with week 2. Once again, I would like to thank you for your patience and flexibility as we transition to this new educational platform. We know this situation isn’t ideal. Ideally, we want our students at school, but the times aren’t allowing for that and we’ll adjust and provide educational opportunities the best we can.

Yesterday afternoon, Governor Wolf announced stay-at-home orders are extended through April 30, and he announced that all schools in Pennsylvania are closed, “indefinitely.” More information will be shared with districts in the coming days, but districts have been encouraged to continue with their alternative educational plans during this pandemic. What we do know is that school is physically closed through the month of April, and there is a chance that will be extended into the month of May. If school closure extends into May, we’ll communicate that, and administration is starting to plan for the possibility of school being closed for the remainder of the year. We are unsure if that is the case, but it would be wise to plan for the possibility.

The district is working hard trying to identify and coordinate with families who need a device. High school students should communicate with their 1st period teachers if they are in need of a device, and elementary parents can communicate with their child’s teacher about device issues. The district does have a limited number of devices (Chromebooks and iPads), and we’re trying to prioritize based on need at this time. The district is also working on the possibility of providing internet services to families who don’t have internet access, but this won’t be a quick project. Again, we appreciate your understanding and flexibility and we’ll continue to make the most of this unique situation, and continue to provide educational material to our students. More to come!

Sincerely,

Dr. Aaron Thomas
Superintendent