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Dear Parents & Guardians:

We hope that you and your family are staying safe and finding ways to make the most of this unprecedented situation. While there are many concerns around the continuation of education, we know that the most important focus is the mitigation of the spread of Covid-19 and the safety of all so that we can return to a normal routine as soon as possible.

Governor Wolf announced today the extended closing of schools through April 8, 2020, and possibly longer depending upon the spread of Covid-19. The Hempfield Area School District is planning to provide continuity of education beginning Monday, March 30, 2020. Our approach is to provide opportunities for students to engage in learning while at home, with the understanding that parents may not have the time and resources to support their children in this process. Our teachers and staff will share learning opportunities, provide feedback, and support using a variety of tools. Teachers of grades five through twelve will provide content using either Google Classroom or Edgenuity, a platform our district uses for our cyber program. Students in grades kindergarten through four will use Compass Learning. These tools will provide the content for your child to learn and explore, while being supported by his/her classroom teacher(s).

In order to assure that all students have access, we will be distributing Chromebooks to families in need. If you have a child attending our secondary grades, we ask that you promote sharing as we have a limited number of devices. Your own personal devices, such as a laptop and iPad can also be utilized. Distribution for elementary families who responded to the survey shared last week in a Remind message will occur at each elementary school on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. The carpool line will be used in a "grab and go" fashion in that we ask that you remain in your vehicle and plan for the device to be placed in your trunk to maintain social distancing.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Time to Arrive</u>
A - J	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
K - P	9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Q - Z	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

If this date does not work for you, we will have devices at West Hempfield Elementary and the Hempfield Area High School on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, during the meal distribution between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. If these dates and times do not work for you, please call 724-850-2248.

Our district website contains information regarding offers by local companies, such as Comcast, for free service for a specified period of time. T-Mobile has an offer which is posted on our website as well. If you have additional needs in regards to Internet connectivity, please email [ithelpdesk@hasdpa.net](mailto:ithelpdesk@hasdpa.net).

Please know that we realize the stress and anxiety at this time. We want to be supportive in working with you and your child to support their learning during this closure. Your child's teachers are working to learn new programs and means of communicating with you and your child. Your support, patience, and understanding during this time are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions, please email your child's teacher or principal. Email is the best means of communication; however, our principals can check voicemail from home. Be safe!

Best,

Dr. Tammy S. Wolicki  
Superintendent

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