



# PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Educating For Success, Inspiring Excellence.*

## Administration Center

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March 23, 2020

Dear Parkland Parents/Guardians and Staff,

Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced that all schools in the commonwealth will remain closed through at least April 6 as a result of the COVID-19 response efforts. The closure order could be extended beyond April 6 if necessary to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19. When it's determined that students can return to school, administrators, teachers and other staff will be given two days to prepare classrooms, set up cafeterias, schedule transportation and arrange other business operations. Students would return on the third day, which would be April 9. As of today, no changes to the school calendar have been recommended.

**Due to the extended closure, Parkland administrators and staff have been making plans for a structured e-learning environment.** As such, an opportunity will be given for kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students to borrow a learning device. Additional information about this and the e-learning plan will be communicated later this week. In the meantime, our teachers are continuing to reach out and provide extended learning opportunities through Schoology and other communication channels.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through this unprecedented event. We realize that many families are struggling to make sense of this pandemic, processing the loss of jobs, and worrying about loved ones who are susceptible to the virus or for those who are sick. We have a strong and caring community, a staff that is second to none, and we will get through this together.

For your convenience, updates and resources, including guidance counseling and food assistance, can be found on the District's COVID-19 response website at [www.parklandsd.org/coronavirus](http://www.parklandsd.org/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

Richard T. Sniscak  
Superintendent of Schools