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Dear Community Member,

I'd like to provide an update to the prior informational announcement on Friday evening and resources relative to the COVID-19 School Closure. I greatly appreciate your patience as we gather the most recent advice and direction from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and other Agencies, particularly regarding proper procedures for the safe provision of meals in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Updates and information are provided below.

Educational Resources:

In order to maintain cognitive engagement and interest, Catasauqua Area School District Teachers and Dr. Lutz-Doemling, Assistant Superintendent, have compiled a number of resources for your access, in addition to tools used on a daily basis. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has not approved and does not recommend providing a replacement for instruction at this time due to provisions of FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education). So, these resources and any information provided by our Teachers do not serve as a replacement for instructional time in the classroom. The resources are attached and also available HERE.

Facilities:

All Catasauqua Area School District facilities remain closed until 6:00am on Monday, March 30, 2020. This includes all school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities.

Meals:

If you are in need of food and nourishment, please email C3P@cattysd.org or call 610-264-5571 and leave a message in the general mailbox with your contact information to reserve a Meal Package. Meal Packages will then be available for outside pickup on Wednesday at Sheckler Elementary School. Upon leaving a message or email, you will be contacted by someone from the District to confirm your pickup time. In the near future, the procedure for meal pickup may change and if so, pertinent information will be included in a future update. Please know that we are planning carefully and cautiously regarding meal preparation and delivery in order to not exacerbate the spread of germs and the Coronavirus, following all proper food handling quidelines.

This is an incredibly difficult and demanding time for everyone and I truly appreciate your understanding as we progress through this unprecedented event. I will provide regular updates as more information is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the US Department of Education, and regional Leaders. CASD Coronavirus Page

Respectfully, *Robert J. Spengler* Robert J. Spengler Superintendent