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Good Evening,

Beginning March 30th, Catasauqua Area School District Teachers will provide additional guidance and resources to engage students in review, reinforcement, and enrichment activities. These activities will focus on concepts taught earlier in the school year. Furthermore, these activities will be optional, ungraded, and will not introduce new learning.

Additionally, before the end of the week, principals and teachers will be contacting families to determine students' at-home access to technology. This information will help the district determine the best learning methods to meet students' needs.

CASD administrators and teachers are currently developing continuity of education plans for our students that will provide structured opportunities for new learning in the event that school closure extends beyond April 8, 2020.

As a reminder, last Thursday the Department of Education canceled all PSSA testing and Keystone exams for the 2019-20 school year, as well as the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA). The U.S. Department of Education approved Pennsylvania's waiver request the following day, and further waived accountability and reporting requirements for the 2019-20 school year.

On Monday, Secretary of Education Rivera canceled standardized testing for students in career and technical education (CTE) programs for the 2019-20 school year. These include exams from the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) and the National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS).

Furthermore, the College Board recently released information related to the 2019-20 exam administration only. Click the following link to access the most up to date Advanced Placement (AP) information can be accessed: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates>

Finally, we remain committed to prioritizing student learning and providing resources to keep your child(ren) engaged while learning from home. We understand how disruptive this school closure has been to your families—practicing social distancing, supporting at-home learning, and fulfilling both home and work-related responsibilities. We truly appreciate all that you do to support your children.

Respectfully,
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