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Dear Catasauqua Area School District Families and Staff,

The purpose of this communication is to provide you with the most recent update on District initiatives during the COVID-19 Pandemic Closure. As you are aware, the Governor has closed Commonwealth Schools until further notice and Catasauqua Area School District is preparing for a long-term closure.

Catasauqua Area School District Administration has posted the [Continuity of Education Plan and FERPA Notice](#) on the COVID-19 section of the website. I encourage you to take a look at the Continuity of Education Plan for a general overview of the timelines and expectations for Full Instruction to begin on April 14, 2020. As I announced in an earlier communication, teacher contacts, review, and enrichment activities will occur from March 30 until April 14. This timeframe allows us to prepare for a maximized, robust learning environment beginning on April 14, 2020. Principals and Teachers will again be following up with students and parents over the next week to prepare for Full Instruction to begin on April 14.

Over these few weeks, we have been retooling the entire operation of the School District to transition from a traditional environment to one centered on e-learning. Our Instructional Staff have been holding virtual experiences like Virtual Spirit Week, social posting of our 6th Grade Teachers checking in with students, Mrs. Gallo's Zoom classroom meeting, and more. Staff members, including our SRO's, have been serving Grab & Go Lunches, delivering meals to those in need including our Senior High-Rise Residents, and more. I am humbled by our community's response during this time with amazing donations and assistance from community groups and individuals. We will travel this road together and I am confident we will all benefit in the long run. Please remain flexible, understanding and communicative during this unprecedented event. Our entire staff is committed to providing a valuable experience for our students and I am proud of everyone for their hard work and determination in doing so.

Grab & Go Lunch Packs have been served this week on Tuesday and Thursday. If you require additional nutrition, please contact C3P by email C3P@cattysd.org or call 610.264.5571 and leave a message.

Again, please look for additional communication from your Child's Principals and Teachers, who will be contacting you regarding preparation for full instruction, to include the learning platform, device availability, available resources, assignment structure, and more.

Thank you for your incredible understanding and support throughout this time. It's greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Spengler

Superintendent