

March 16, 2020

Dear Midland Borough School District Parents & Guardians:

As you are aware due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Wolf has closed all PreK-12 schools in Pennsylvania for two weeks effective, Monday, March 16 through Sunday, March 29, 2020. Under the Governor's order, the Midland Elementary-Middle School will be closed to all activities, events, and building use beginning March 16, 2020 through March 29, 2020 this includes student instruction. No instruction as per the order will be delivered in these first two weeks. I anticipate this closure to extend for many more weeks but will wait for a directive from the Governor's office. We have a plan ready to implement academics thru online and paper/pencil alternatives after the two weeks if given the go ahead from the Governor's office.

However we do realize the importance of meals for our students and the Midland Borough School District will be providing meals to any child, eighteen and under, free of charge. We will provide a cold combined breakfast and lunch and this service will start tomorrow Tuesday, March 17, 2020. There will be four pick-up locations:

11:00 am	Four Mile Childcare Center at 13 <sup>th</sup> Street
11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Street and Midland Ave.
11:30 am	The Center at 754 Ohio Ave
11:30 am	Midland Heights/Midcrest at the Fire Hall

We will be practicing CDC precautionary measures for the safety of our students, families, and staff while preparing and distributing meals. We ask that you follow CDC recommended distance guidelines while waiting for meals to be handed out. *Please notify the staff immediately if your children have any food allergies* before you receive the packages. Please know that our goal is to distribute meals as quickly and safely as possible so please refrain from extended conversations with staff and direct any questions regarding closure and academics by contacting the school or visiting our website. It is preferred that one adult family member come to the location to pick up meals for all children in the household. If you must send a child to pick up food please make sure they are of at least 11 years of age. Consistent with the CDC's guidelines we ask that everyone at these locations adhere to the social distancing requirements of being at least 6feet apart.

For all official District updates regarding COVID-19 we will continue to use our website at [www.midlandpa.org](http://www.midlandpa.org) and mass notification system to provide information to students and families within the Midland Borough School District. You may also visit the Centers for Disease Control Website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for up-to-date information on COVID-19. Please understand the recommendation from the CDC is to STAY HOME and limit your contact with other people as much as possible. This is not the time for child playdates and students roaming the community. This is NOT a snow day!

I want to thank our School Board, administration, faculty and staff for their unwavering support and teamwork through this challenging situation. As always, protecting the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and communicate as appropriate but we also need your help to do your part.

You will hear again from me during the middle of next week for academic guidance for future weeks. Good evening and be safe!

Sincerely yours,

Sean D. Tanner  
Superintendent