March 13, 2020

Dear Prince George's County Public Schools Families,

As most of you have likely heard by now, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Karen Salmon has ordered all Maryland public schools to be closed temporarily from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27. All public school buildings and school buses will be cleaned and disinfected. There will be no school-sponsored field trips, extracurricular/athletic events or before/after care during this time. We have also suspended outside facility use until further notice.

Teachers distributed school assignments today to ensure continuity of learning during the closure. We have asked our educators to be accessible to students by email in case they have any questions related to assignments. In addition, adjustments will be made to the school calendar to extend the third-quarter grading period to ensure an accurate reflection of students’ work and skills.

Enrichment activity packets will be available online on the PGCPS website by Wednesday, March 18 for grades Pre-K through 12. We will provide “grab and go” lunches at regional locations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily during the closure. Students may get a sack lunch at one of the following locations:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 4545 Ammendale Road, Beltsville
- William Wirt Middle School, 6200 Tuckerman St., Riverdale Park
- Nicholas Orem Middle School, 6100 Editors Park Drive, Hyattsville
- Kenmoor Middle School, 2500 Kenmoor Drive, Landover
- Benjamin Tasker Middle School, 4901 Collington Road, Bowie
- Walker Mill Middle School, 800 Karen Blvd., Capitol Heights
- Drew-Freeman Middle School, 2600 Brooks Drive, Hillcrest Heights
- Thurgood Marshall Middle School, 4909 Brinkle Road, Temple Hills
- Stephen Decatur Middle School, 8200 Pinewood Drive, Clinton

We know that you have many questions about how the closure will impact the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Please know that we are constantly monitoring developments and will get details to you as quickly as possible. You can find information at www.pgcps.org/coronavirus and through PGCPS e-blasts, text messages and social media.

Thank you for your continued support of Prince George's County Public Schools and for your patience and flexibility during this time.

Sincerely,

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