

# KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **RE: Governor Wolf Announces Closure of All Pennsylvania Schools**

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff:

At 2:59 p.m. today, Governor Wolf announced that all K-12 Pennsylvania schools will be closed for 10 business days effective Monday, March 16, 2020. The Keystone School District will tentatively reopen on Monday, March 30, 2020.

I will continue to provide communications via the district's website and mass notification system as soon as we have accurate, meaningful information.

I recognize the impact this closure has on the entire school community. There are countless questions to address over the next several days. First and foremost, we are concerned with the health, safety and welfare of our school community. We encourage all individuals to take appropriate precautions and practice good hygiene as outlined in previous communications.

Governor Wolf has indicated that *"no school district will be penalized if it fails to meet the 180 day or school hours requirements."* In short, we will work with the PDE and the Governor's office to ensure that our student population, especially our graduating seniors, are able to maintain important future obligations (i.e. military obligations, work responsibilities, college/university). More information specifically pertaining to this subject will be addressed in future communications.

During this closure (or any future closure), the Keystone School District will not attempt to conduct online, self-directed learning for K-12 students.

The context of this school closure will evolve as health officials work to contain and mitigate the spread of this disease. Until such time that we better understand the parameters in place for this closure, this district will be operating with essential personnel and closed to all outside visitors. Our school nurse will be coordinating with parents/students to manage the return of essential prescription medications early next week.

Any individual who may be experiencing medical complications, especially those that may be related to COVID-19, should make contact with appropriate medical personnel.

In closing, I again want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work diligently to address this unprecedented situation. We will continue working to provide accurate, timely information. Our primary goal continues to be preserving the health and safety of our students, staff and the school community.

Sincerely,

Shawn Algoe, Superintendent