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Dear Blacklick Valley Families:

Governor Wolf announced this week that schools will remain closed until at least April 9<sup>th</sup> as a result of the COVID-19 response efforts. This closure order could be extended beyond April 9<sup>th</sup> if necessary to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We recognize that Pennsylvania's shutdown of schools and non-life-sustaining business is impacting our collective community and each of you individually.

During this time of the closure, Blacklick Valley will continue to run the grab-and-go lunch/breakfast program at both buildings. In addition to the lunch program, the administration held meetings and met with teachers to develop and implement an enrichment and review program for our students. This program will consist of online instruction and/or learning packets for students who do not have internet access at home. Families who do not have a computer or who have no internet access are encouraged to contact the school. Please leave a message with your child's name, grade, if you need a computer, or a learning packet. Computers and packets will be available for pick-up Wednesday, April 1, at each building from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and will be conducted in a drive-thru fashion like the lunch program.

Activities will officially begin on Wednesday April 1, 2020, but parents are encouraged to check their e-mail and text messages for communications from teachers who will be directing the enrichment and review program. Please understand that we recognize this format is not ideal. Our goal is to maintain the learning that our students have acquired up to the mandated school closure. We, as a school community, would much rather see our students in our buildings interacting, learning, and participating in activities.

The hope is to have our students back in the buildings in front of teachers by April 9<sup>th</sup>, however the situation changes daily and we recognize this may not happen due to an extension of the closure or a full school year closure as has happened in other states. Due to these possibilities administrators and teachers are working on contingency plans in the event of either scenario taking place.

We appreciate your patience and encourage your feedback as we fully understand that as we implement this new, temporary, learning experience there will be bumps in the road. We will continue to update you about any changes that may follow in the coming days and/or weeks. Thank you again for your patience and remember we are in this together.

Sincerely,

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