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Dear Centennial Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. Since the mandatory closing of all K-12 schools in PA on March 13th, the administration at Centennial School has been preparing for various tiers of distance learning. On March 23rd, our dedicated teachers began providing daily distance learning opportunities to supplement the instruction that your child was receiving at Centennial School prior to the closure. The responses from our students have been overwhelmingly positive. I want to thank you for supporting your child as they adjust to their digital learning environment. We know none of this is easy as many of you are juggling multiple stressors including helping your child with schoolwork, caring for other family members, and working remotely. I would also like to thank our technology team, led by Mr. Bruno and Dr. Heintzelman, for working tirelessly to ensure that every student has access to a device and connectivity to participate in our distance learning education.

Beginning on March 30th, Centennial School will continue to offer Enrichment and Review through our distance learning activities. As defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, [Enrichment and Review](#) consists of informal activities that reinforce or extend students' prior learning. Please note, attendance and completion of assigned work will be mandatory and will count as a regular school day. In order to provide the greatest flexibility to our students and their families, attendance will be taken based on the weekly completion of assignments. For instance, if the due date is Friday and your child completes all of the assignments, your child will be marked present for the week.

Beginning on April 6th, Centennial School will implement Planned Instruction. [Planned Instruction](#) is a term to describe formal teaching and learning similar to that which occurs in a classroom setting. Within this process, our teachers use planned courses of instruction of new concepts and skills aligned to grade level standards that are adapted to instructional levels as specified in students' IEPs. As students continue to adjust to this digital environment where they consume content virtually, grades will be based on assignment completion and effort.



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While we remain optimistic that we will be able to return to school at the end of the most recent timeline provided by Governor Wolf, we must also grapple with the possibility of an extension to the current school closure order. Beginning on April 13th, Planned Instruction will continue to occur. Grades will be based on assignment completion and accuracy.

During this worldwide pandemic, we are providing instruction to students from over 30 school districts and charter schools. I want to assure you that we are providing FAPE and implementing IEPs to the maximum extent practicable in these unprecedented times. Instruction is designed for students at their instructional levels and differentiated with their unique learning profiles in mind. Accommodations are offered as appropriate for students to access their learning. Please note that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has canceled statewide assessments for the 2019-2020 school year. Canceled assessments include the PSSA, PASA, and Biology, Algebra and Literature Keystone Exams.

Please also note that many cellular and internet providers are offering free and reduced services to help families and schools connect during this time of need. You can click on any of these links for more information about their services: [AT&T](#), [T-Mobile](#), [Verizon](#), [Sprint](#), [Service Electric](#), and [RCN](#).

Email remains the best way to contact any member of our Centennial Staff. You will find email addresses on our [webpage](#) by locating the staff member's picture and clicking on their name. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions, concerns, or requests for assistance. We are here to help and we recognize the need to be flexible and patient with one another. We will continue to use Remind to send you important updates.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. I take comfort in knowing that our Centennial School community is one of our greatest strengths and I continue to be deeply appreciative of our students, their families, and our staff - all of whom have persevered in the face of these challenges and have helped make this difficult situation more tenable.

Please be safe and well,

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