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Dear Students, Parents, and Community:

At his daily briefing on Monday, April 20th, Governor DeWine announced the mandate that all K-12 school buildings will continue to stay closed through the remainder of the calendar year.

As a result of Monday's mandate from Governor DeWine, the Continental Local School District will take the following compliance steps:

- **School buildings will be closed for students and public until further notice.**
- **The musical, all field trips, athletic practices, academic, extra-curricular and athletic events have been canceled.**
- **All use of school facilities by students and the public will be prohibited until further notice. This includes gymnasiums, weight rooms, indoor batting cages, baseball and softball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds and public walking in our hallways.**

We want to express our appreciation to you, the parents, students, staff and community for all your cooperation and assistance during this unprecedented time. Obviously, this situation is proving to be a trying time for all of us. Everything you have done to continue to learn, to teach, to guide, to stay safe and healthy during this crisis has been remarkable and appreciated.

Since school will resume this year, the Continental administration has taken the last few days to develop our plan for how we will continue to educate and end the school year during the month of May.

- **Week of May 4th through May 15th we will continue with our distance learning programs.**
- **Week of May 18th we will begin to collect any outstanding work, send out a schedule for collection of materials (books, chromebooks, iPads, etc...)**
- **Any and all work needs to be turned in by May 22nd. IF you cannot have your work completed by the 22nd of May, please contact your teacher ASAP.**
- **More specifics will be coming out from your principals and teachers in the next few days.**

GRADUATION

As I write this letter, there are many different ideas and directions coming from the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Health Department and the Governor's Office. Early last week we sent a survey to our senior students and families to get feedback from them. We are currently collecting that information,

talking with area schools and developing a plan. Our goal is to have our plan finalized by ready for publication by the 15th of May. I know that seems like a long time, but it will provide us with the most data possible to make a sound and safe decision.

FEEDING OUR KIDS

We have successfully utilized Packs for Pirates and the Circle of Friends food bank along with food from our school cafeteria to provide students with meals. Our goal is to continue to do this through at least through the month of May.

Today, **Tuesday, April 28th**, the Circle of Friends Food Pantry, located at 300 North Main Street, Continental, Ohio, will be open from 6PM to 7PM. The pantry will have PRE-BOXED food and will deliver it to YOUR CAR. **Please call ahead if you are not currently on the list to receive food from the Circle of Friends Pantry.** You can call Shelly Kosch at 419-969-4194 or Pastor Chuck Schmunk at 419-438-0903 with questions or assistance.

Over the next couple of weeks, Packs for Pirates will be making another targeted food delivery to those families we have on our list. **If you did not receive food on April 15th and are in need of support, please call the school at 419-596-3860, leave a message and we will get back to you.**

HOW CAN I HELP FEED OUR COMMUNITY?

First, thank you to everyone who has made donations over the past 6 weeks to help support both the Packs for Pirates and the Circle of Friends Food Pantry. These donations are put to good use. Unfortunately, this need is growing rather than shrinking. If you are able, please reach out to see how you may help. Thank you.

The *Packs for Pirates* and Circle of Friends Food Pantry are always looking for donations and financial support.

- **canned foods**
- **soups**
- **boxed pasta meals**
- **Individually boxed cereals**
- **snack bars**
- **snack cups**
- **Most anything that is nonperishable would be appreciated.**

If you would like to assist with the purchase of perishable items, financial donations are always accepted. Checks can be made out to *Packs for Pirates* or Circle of Friends Food Pantry. Checks can be mailed to Continental United Methodist Church, PO Box 356, Continental, Ohio 45831 or call Pastor Chuck Schmunk at 419-438-0903.

Continental Local Schools appreciate your efforts and commitment to your child's education. To help you stay informed, please use our website: www.continentalpirates.org. You can also get the latest updates

on COVID-19 at coronavirus.ohio.gov which is updated daily at 2 pm by the Ohio Department of Health as well as hear Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on Facebook, PBS, and the Ohio Channel every day at 2 pm.

To recap:

- **Virtual school continues until May 15th with ALL work required to be turned in by the 22nd**
- **Teachers will be reaching out to students and their families who are struggling with work.**
- **The buildings and grounds remain closed until further notice.**

Thank you for all you do for your children and our community.

Yours in Education,

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