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FROM THE DISTRICT

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community:

I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support during this very trying time for our entire community. As a school, we will be doing all we can to assist in alleviating the difficulties many of you may be having. A few reminders as of the writing of this letter:

- School is now closed until Monday, April 6th.
- Teachers have prepared lessons for your students so we can keep the school day and year going. Please see more information on the back about your child's building.
- The school buildings are closed to public use.
- We will be updating the community via our webpage at www.continentalpirates.org
 - Click on the **RED** words "**Information on School Closure**"
 - We will have videos, letters, and other resources to keep you informed.
- Meals for students:
 - We have been utilizing our Packs for Pirates Program. (Thank you to all involved)
 - If you need assistance, please contact the school so we may help.

Our lifestyle has been changed, our daily expectations have changed. As we go forward as a community, we will have two choices: PULL TOGETHER or PULL APART. It is our hope that we pull together. The school community, the church community, and the local government are here to help in any way we can. If you are in need, please communicate that need so our community can assist you through this trying time.

As we write this letter, we do not know what is coming next for Continental Local Schools. We are working with our other Putnam County Schools, the Putnam County Health Department and our state and federal government to make decisions and communicate those decisions in a timely manner. Your patience and understanding are much appreciated. Please call the school at 419-596-3671 if you have questions, concerns or need assistance.

PLEASE NOTE INFORMATION FROM THE ELEMENTARY AND JH/HS ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER.

FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL

- Teachers have been working to prepare lessons for students to do at home either online or through paper/pencil if needed. Teachers have been told to plan approximately 15 minutes of work per class per day for the average student.
- Teachers have been asked to be more liberal/lenient with grading during this shutdown. We are making an attempt to continue education under the circumstances and we ask that you attempt to do the same. All we ask is that you do your best! We are more concerned with your effort than your accuracy over the next few weeks.
- Teachers will be available via email or other electronic communication methods (message boards, for example) to help students with any and all questions.
- Students: Please check your school email and/or class message boards on at least a daily basis so that you are keeping up with important announcements and information from your teachers.
- If you need any technology assistance, please contact your teacher first and then contact Mr. Schnipke (k.schnipke@continentalpirates.org) if they cannot solve your issue.
- Seniors: As of now, scholarship deadlines have not changed. There are links on the website about scholarships and we will do whatever we can with getting the applications submitted. Call the school or email Mrs. McIntyre directly with any questions and monitor your email and the website for updates.

FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Assisting students with the organization will be key to keeping track of work and staying on top of what needs to be accomplished. Listed below are ways to help with organization
 - Designate an area in the house to use to store and/or complete schoolwork.
 - Set a schedule and/or make a calendar. Students should have between 10-15 minutes of work per subject each day depending on the age of the student.
 - Use a checkmark system to determine when work has been completed
 - Store completed work in a safe place. Work that is completed through Google Classroom will be graded as it is turned in.
- We understand that students may struggle to complete work. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher through email or Class Dojo if you have any questions.
- Students, please practice your 3 R's; Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Ready.
- Check the Facebook page (@continentalelementary) for updates.

We understand that as we continue to enter uncharted territory this situation can become hard for families. As a district, we can help facilitate resources. Please let us know via email or phone message if you are in need of assistance.

Sincerely,

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