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Dear Hancock Families and Staff,

As you are aware, Governor Walz has announced school closures from March 18, 2020 until March 27, 2020. We are working on plans for distance learning, potential options for student nutrition, childcare for medical and emergency personnel, and other situations in the event that long-term closures are necessary. It is unknown at this time whether the statewide closure will extend beyond March 29th. I want to stress to you again that the safety of our students and staff are our top priority.

Over the next several days, our district will be working diligently on creating a plan that will work for our school community. We ask for your understanding and patience during this unique circumstance. We realize that our plan may not meet the needs of every family situation but are open to suggestions and input along the way.

Hancock will be open on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th. As always, if parents prefer to keep children home, they may do so. However, medically fragile students and staff, those with underlying health conditions, and anyone that is ill must stay home. As usual, please communicate those absences to the school office.

This continues to be a developing situation so we ask that you consistently watch for communication from the district. Again, we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding and apologize for any inconveniences this may cause families and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

I know I am not alone in the wish that we could offer more immediate answers for everyone. It is hard for all of us to face the uncertainty of not knowing where things will head next. That said, one thing I do know for certain is that educators are champions - champions who come together to support their students, their families, and each other in the most extraordinary ways when times are tough.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility in the days ahead. Please don't hesitate to contact me with additional ideas, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul Carlson, Superintendent
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