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Greetings West Pottsgrove Elementary School Families,

I hope that this communication finds you well, as we collectively continue to navigate the challenges COVID-19 has presented.

We will begin the efforts to move forward in our new model of online instruction beginning on Monday, March 30, 2020. As per the most recent orders from Governor Wolf, schools will remain closed through at least April 9, 2020. In coordination with the Pottsgrove School District calendar and subject to any additional extended closure, that would mean a return to school for students on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Our teachers and staff have been working hard to develop a model of instruction that balances the key concepts and skills our K-2 students will need to be successful at their next level, with the understanding of needs and challenges in current family home and work dynamics. Please know that we will continue to work together throughout this new model and support each other in this new learning environment.

At the elementary level, we will be using Class Dojo as the primary delivery method for directions, instruction, and communications. **Please be sure that you are connected to your student's teacher via Class Dojo.** If you need any assistance in that process, do not hesitate to email them or contact me directly. Teachers may also use the Zoom platform as a way to connect with students.

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines and requirements for this extended closure, we will begin moving forward with new instruction, assessment, and attendance monitoring for students on Monday, March 30. Teachers will use student or family connection through Class Dojo as the format to monitor daily attendance.

Through Class Dojo you will see daily postings from your child's teacher by 9:00 am, Monday through Friday, detailing the instruction and learning activities for that day. You will also see postings from our Encore team Monday through Friday at 1:00 pm on a rotation with assignments and activities from their respective classes. Teachers will also share with you their Office Hours, a time where they will be quickly and readily accessible throughout the day to respond to emails, Dojo messages, and any questions or concerns you may have.

Please know that West Pottsgrove Elementary School and the Pottsgrove School District remain unwavering in our commitment of student learning and social/emotional well-being throughout this unprecedented challenge. It is our goal to support each other and move forward together. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time if there are questions, concerns, or needs.

We hope to see you back at school soon!

Sincerely,

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