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**Marco F. Pochintesta, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School District Families,

Effective tomorrow, Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, students will be able to access online learning opportunities. Our teachers have prepared lessons and resources for students that will be shared through Google classroom and/or teacher websites. Principals will communicate more specific details with you later today.

At this time, schools are closed for two weeks, however, the potential for a much longer period of closure is very real. As you know this is an unprecedented situation. The actions taken at the State and Federal levels in the last few days are testament to how rapidly things can change as attempts are made to stem the tide of new infections. Just last evening the State Education Department communicated new guidance for Districts to develop plans for continuity of teaching and learning, nutrition, and childcare for children of first responders. As this situation continues to evolve and more guidance and directions are provided, updates will be given through email, texts and our website.

I know the great difficulty that we are faced with personally and professionally. We seek to protect our families and ourselves, and in our respective worlds of work, we do our best to meet professional obligations and commitments to others. The nature of this crisis has made it difficult to follow the normal pathways from which we draw our greatest strength in difficult times. Pearl River is blessed with a spirit of community that finds new ways to keep those pathways open.

I look forward to the return to school, and most importantly the safe passage of everyone through this storm.

Sincerely,