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Dear Pearl River School Community,

I am writing to update you on a few items. As you are aware, all schools in Rockland County are closed and are anticipated to remain closed until the State of Emergency is lifted by County Executive, Ed Day. We have been preparing for a long term closure for a few weeks. Our teachers have been working on lessons and activities that can be accessed remotely online.

The district issued a survey to identify families who do not have a laptop, desktop, or Chromebook at home to access online learning and Chromebooks were issued to those families. A number of companies have announced free Wi-Fi or free data plans for cell phones so students can access online learning activities at home during school closings. We have compiled the information for you. Please click on the following link to access this information- [Internet Provider Resources for Families](#).

We are finalizing arrangements for online/remote learning for students and will communicate the start date of this as soon as possible. Our school principals and teachers will communicate how students and parents can access materials and lessons.

During this time of school closure, we will continue to provide food for those students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch effective Thursday, March 19th. Students who currently receive free/reduced lunch will be able to pick up a bagged breakfast and lunch at Pearl River High School Pirate Cove between the hours of 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact brunnerj@pearlriver.org.

Lastly, please be advised that all of our school campuses, including all fields, playgrounds, and athletic courts are closed to the public. We are all obligated to do what we can to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. The State and Rockland County Department of Health recommend practicing social distancing, whenever possible. The recommended limit is six feet. Social distancing is critical to the effort of slowing the rate of infection. I thank you for your cooperation, and doing all that you can to keep our school community, including our older and medically compromised residents, safe.

At this time we do not know what the coming weeks and months will bring, however, we know the strength of the Pearl River school community. I am confident that we will weather this crisis and come out strong and united in the end. I commend all of our school personnel for their professionalism, caring and cooperation as we make the necessary preparations to support our mission so that all Pearl River students can continue to learn.

Sincerely,