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Dear EPS families,

To better serve all our students and families during the district shutdown, we've made updates to our plans for meal distribution, technology distribution and online education opportunities.

Meal distribution for all students, K-12, will begin **Tuesday, March 17. We have expanded the distribution sites to include all district elementary schools, middle schools and high schools:**

- Diehl Elementary School
- Edison Elementary School
- Grover Cleveland Elementary School
- Harding Elementary School
- JoAnna Connell Elementary School
- Jefferson Elementary School
- Lincoln Elementary School
- McKinley Elementary School
- Perry Elementary School
- Pfeiffer-Burleigh Elementary School
- East Middle School
- Strong Vincent Middle School
- Wilson Middle School
- Erie High School
- Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy
- Patrick J. DiPaolo Student Success Center at Emerson Gridley

Families may pick up meals at the school closest to their home address, regardless of the school their student attends. Students will receive a lunch and a breakfast for the following day.

We have expanded the previously announced distribution hours, and will now distribute meals from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, beginning Tuesday.

All teachers K-12 will begin offering online educational opportunities to students beginning Monday, March 23. For elementary students, those opportunities will be made available through online platforms, including iReady, Amplify and Smart Futures. Should you need login information, contact your child's school directly. For middle and

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high school students, those opportunities will be posted on individual teacher websites.

Families of students enrolled in special education will be contacted directly by your child's teacher with information about individualized educational opportunities.

While participation in these educational opportunities is not mandatory, it is imperative that our students continue learning during this time so that they remain on track academically. We strongly encourage you to communicate the importance of these educational opportunities to your children, and engage with them in learning. Your child's teacher is available to answer questions and help your child complete or access educational opportunities during the shutdown. If you need a teacher's email address, or are having difficulty reaching a teacher, please contact your child's school directly.

Families with students who have access to the internet at home but do not have technology to engage in online educational opportunities should call the district's Information Technology department at 814-874-6181 to arrange for a time to pick up a Chromebook. Chromebooks will be distributed by appointment only on Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20 in the lobby of Erie High School, 3325 Cherry St. Parents must bring a form of ID and student ID number, and will be asked to sign a contract upon receipt of the Chromebook.

Families without internet access can pick up grade-specific paper packets during any meal distribution time at any site, beginning Wednesday, March 18.

Thank you to the many of you who have voiced your support for our district. As new information emerges regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus, know that we're constantly evaluating our response. Updates will be posted at www.eriesd.org, on our Facebook page and via the One Call telephone system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Polito". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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