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Dear Parents:

Crest Memorial School will be closed to students on Monday, March 16th to allow staff to prepare online teaching resources in the event of future school closures related to COVID-19 social distancing efforts. We want to emphasize that there has been no reported cases of COVID-19 in our school community as of now, and the district had previously planned to close for a professional development day on Friday, March 20th. The March 20th PD Day will now become a regular school day.

For the past week, district administrators have been in daily contact with State Officials and medical personnel. We will continue to receive expert guidance on appropriate safety precautions related to COVID-19 concerns. As we get new information, we will update parents through social media, our website and text messages.

We intend to have an online portal available to the parents and students in the event of any school closures. While it is difficult to mirror a classroom experience perfectly with online resources, rest assured we are working hard to provide as rich of a virtual learning experience as possible. For students who lack access to technology or the Internet, we will have physical assignment packets available at school for parent pickup. Below are some helpful guidelines to have children follow in the event of an extended school closure:

- Try to maintain a routine as similar to a normal school day as possible.
- Don't let children sleep in, have extended periods of screen time or put off doing daily assignments.
- Dedicate a place in your home where students can work with minimal distractions.
- Have set time frames for how long children should do school work.
- If students finish assignments early, consider having them read articles or books of interest and write summaries.
- Celebrate focus and dedication.
- If children become frustrated or are unsure of how to complete assignments, encourage them to email teachers.

Because COVID-19 is a threat unlike anything our school community has ever faced, there is understandable concern. However, we ask that you rely on official CMS communications (social media, website and text). With this level of concern, misinformation and rumors can be as much of a threat as the virus itself. That being said, extended school closures in the coming months are a real possibility. We encourage you to begin considering childcare options in the event of closures. If you have information you'd like to share, questions or concerns, please call us at 609-522-1522.

Sincerely,
David Del Conte Jr.
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