

March 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

In light of President Trump's announcement yesterday and Governor Wolf's press conference today extending the "stay at home" order until April 30<sup>th</sup>, I think it's safe to say that we cannot expect to return to school any earlier than the beginning of May. In his press conference, Governor Wolf stated that all schools are closed indefinitely and until further notice. **I want to be clear that this does not change our continuity of education plan.** We have been preparing for the long haul in our meetings when developing our online model. As time goes on, we will roll out more features to create as rich of a learning environment as possible. Please be patient as we move forward. I do want to re-emphasize that although schools are closed until further notice, **this does not change our plans to provide mandated online instruction as long as necessary.**

It is critical for you to communicate issues and problems that arise to your teacher or building principal. All of our building principals and central office administrators are available by email if you need any help or assistance. We also have a receptionist available from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday for emergencies at 412-655-8450. If you are in need of technical support, you can call 412-650-9237 to receive assistance Monday through Friday between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, or you can email the tech department directly at [helpdesk@wjhsd.net](mailto:helpdesk@wjhsd.net) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Hopefully, everyone has been able to make contact with their teacher and sign in today at some point. I am confident that in the long term, this experience will change us for the better as learners, educators, and people. With adversity, we gain new perspectives and have the opportunity for personal and professional growth. As long as we keep the lines of communication open and support one another in this new model, I know our kids will be successful.

Sincerely,



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