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Dear Antietam Parents, Staff and Community Members,

In light of recent events, today's news, and the ongoing information surrounding the Coronavirus in Pennsylvania, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the current status of the Antietam School District.

Today Governor Wolf ordered the closing of all Montgomery County schools. It is possible that, in the near future, he may also order the closure of Berks County schools. We are making proactive plans to be prepared in the event this would happen.

Our administration and staff are currently developing learning activities for our students to access should there be a mandated closure. Our goal is that these supplemental activities will help our students maintain current academic levels during the closure and be able to pick up where they left off upon their return to school. In the event we need to close for an extended period of time, additional information will be sent to you regarding these activities and how to access them.

To ensure the safety of our students and community, beginning on **Monday, March 16th**, all school field trips, after-school building events and use of our facilities by outside members will be canceled or, if applicable, postponed. This will remain in effect through the rest of March and the month of April. Until further notice, our athletic teams will continue practicing and participating in games and matches. Please note that this is subject to change over the next few days. With respect to the upcoming musical, we are well within the limits of the Governor's recommendations to keep gatherings under 250 people. Therefore, the musical will take place this weekend as planned.

Please be assured that the safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priority and that we have been taking additional precautions since this began. We will continue to closely adhere to health agency recommendations and monitor updates from the Governor surrounding

the Coronavirus; we will keep you informed of any changes to our school schedule. At the present time, our schools will remain open and we will continue to provide our students with high-quality educational programming.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we navigate this difficult health crisis.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Boyer, Superintendent