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Dear Enlarged City School District of Middletown Community:

As reported yesterday, Governor Cuomo announced all New York State schools will remain closed until April 29. These are unprecedented times and if the closure is further extended we will communicate information to you as soon as it is made available. As you know, we have been preparing for the likelihood of an extended closure of schools since the onset of the pandemic. Our teachers will continue to plan and deliver instruction remotely. It is our hope our school community is finding comfort in some degree of familiarity with our continuity of learning plan.

This week, the New York State Board of Regents, officially announced the cancellation of the June 2020 NYS Regents exams. A determination on August 2020 exams has yet to be made. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) issued guidance on how the cancellation of exams will impact schools across the state. Please read <u>further guidance from the Board of Regents</u> and review <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> for detailed information.

According to the Governor's Executive Order 202.13, the Middletown City School District's Annual Meeting, Election and Budget Vote, previously scheduled to occur on May 19, 2020, has been postponed until at least June 1, 2020. The district awaits further directive as to the timing, location, or manner of voting.

We will continue to provide meals to those aged 18 and under during the extended closure. To date we have served over 100,000 meals. Please refer to our website for the <u>Middies</u> Meals on the Move distribution details.

As always, the safety of our entire school community remains a paramount concern. We recognize many members of our community have been working in supportive roles either through meal delivery, as first responders, health care providers, or educators. We thank you for your service! We are #bettertogether.

We encourage everyone to continue to protect their health and well-being by taking all recommended precautions and following all issued stay-at-home and social distancing orders.

Your partner in education, Richard Del Moro Richard Del Moro, Superintendent of Schools