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Dear Middletown City School District Families,

I hope this beautiful Monday finds you and your family well as we begin the fourth week of our COVID-19 related closure. While the weather over the weekend may not have been ideal, I am hopeful you found some time to lift your spirits by enjoying activities in which you find joy. We started this week by spending the day providing our community with a second phase of academic bundles as well as a last chance opportunity for device pick up. As mentioned in our previous communication, this week our academic focus is designed to engage students in recursive opportunities around topics covered in quarter three. Additionally, this period of time is an opportunity for students to make up, with instructional guidance from our staff, all outstanding work up to this point.

Our instructional teams are excited to support our students and families as they dive into this work. Please encourage your child to be online and touch base with instructional staff regularly for instructional support. Please visit our [Remote Learning HUB](#) for instructional support and our [district website](#) for announcements and updates related to this health crisis and impacts on our schools. As previously communicated, instruction not previously taught will begin on Wednesday, April 15. All activities, tasks and assignments will be graded and entered into the teacher's gradebook.

Today, Governor Cuomo announced an extension to his mandated school closure for all K-12 schools in New York State. As per his Executive Order, the Middletown City School District **will now be closed until Wednesday, April 29**. The Governor continues to reassess the pandemic crisis to determine if a longer closure is necessary. We expect further information from the New York State Education Department on Tuesday, April 7, regarding Regents Exams. We are looking forward to another fantastic week of learning!

Respectfully,

Richard Del Moro

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