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Dear Middletown School District Families,

As we continue to monitor our nation's public health crisis directly connected to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, I am reaching out with an important update. **All Middletown City schools, with the approval of the Board of Education, will follow Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus' recommendation all schools in the county close for a two-week period, beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. This includes ALL athletics, in addition to before- and after-school and extra-curricular activities. Tentatively, schools will reopen on Monday, March 30, 2020.**

This is a proactive approach to containing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our schools do not have any confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. Our top priority has always been, and continues to be, the health and safety of our most precious commodity - the Middletown school community.

I understand this is a difficult and complicated time because we are all concerned about the health and well-being of our loved ones, as the situation continues to evolve and unfold at a rapid pace. Our goal has been to keep you updated on the impact COVID-19 is having on our school community. We have been following the guidance put forward by the Centers for Disease Control, New York Department of Health, the Orange County Department of Health, and the New York State Department of Education.

I also have been in regular contact with local Superintendents, as we try to work collaboratively through this challenging and unprecedented situation to come up with what we hope is the best course of action. I understand this decision to close school will impact our community on many levels, and look forward to mutual patience and cooperation.

Our District takes pride in our ability to feed our near-7,400 students on a daily basis. We understand the important role the district plays in providing vital daily nutrition to our students. I am working closely with our Food and Nutrition Department to ensure this continues. Beginning, Monday, March 16, 2020 we will be providing two meals to students utilizing community locations for meal distribution. Please consult our district website at [www.middletowncityschools.org](http://www.middletowncityschools.org) to see the schedule for meal distribution at specific community locations.

As a result of these events evolving quickly over the past several hours, the District is in the process of planning meaningful independent learning activities to support students during the school closure. We agree, you cannot replace quality instruction delivered face-to-face by Middletown's exemplary staff. This effort is simply designed to support some productive academic time while away from school. Please continue to check the District website for additional information pertaining to material availability.

Please know, I appreciate the multitude of emotions surrounding the current COVID-19 outbreak. Here at Middletown, I am heartened by the spirit of caring, and by the deep commitment our faculty, staff, administrators, and entire school community have shown.

This is our community--one we all can be proud of. Throughout it all, Middletown remains one of the best examples of public education, and I speak for our entire team when I say we remain proud to serve the community. #Middiepride

With respect and gratitude for your continued partnership and support,  
*Richard Del Moro*  
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