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Dear Middletown Families,

I write to you today feeling uplifted by the community's response to the District's unfortunate need to close for an extended period of time. I was overwhelmed with messages today, both voice and email, from members of the school community asking to lend a hand during this challenging time. While I may not get a chance to respond to each and every message, please know our entire district team is feeling very thankful to be a part of such a supportive school community.

As you know, our extended closure was in response to <u>Governor Cuomo's decision</u> to close all public schools in New York for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16th. We are in the process of planning how developments in the COVID-19 situation and updates from the NYS Department of Education may impact our school calendar moving forward.

At this time, we should all begin preparations for a long-term closure beyond this timeframe and anticipate potential adjustments to our school calendar. Any changes to our school calendar will be shared with you as soon as possible.

In partnership with county and state officials, we will continue to make decisions where the health and safety of our students, staff, and community at large are our priority. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support during this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Richard Del Moro
Richard Del Moro, Superintendent of Schools