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Dear Forest Hills Families,

When I sat down to write this message, I came across a quote from Albert Einstein that felt befitting for our circumstances and the way we, as a district and community, must continue to approach the many decisions ahead.

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”

Though these past few weeks have been uncertain for all of us, I am incredibly proud of what our students and staff have achieved. Forest Hills School District has sought out every opportunity to support our students to the fullest extent possible. Our teachers and counselors have found creative ways to provide instruction and maintain meaningful connections with students over a computer screen, we've put comprehensive structures in place to continue to support students with special needs to the best of our ability, staff members and volunteers have served hundreds of boxed lunches and Power Packs to families, and both high schools donated much-needed personal protective equipment to our local first responders. Great things happen when we all come together!

Earlier this week, Governor Mike DeWine mandated that all schools must remain closed through Friday, May 1. Our team has been working diligently to determine what this extended closure means for students and parents. While we do not have all the answers now, I can share a few updates with you:

Extended Remote Learning Plans: Remote learning will continue for all students through May 1. The overall structure and expectation for students will be similar to what they experienced this week; teachers will provide lessons, guidance and feedback to students based on learning standards.

While specific remote learning guidelines and expectations will vary by grade level, I want to emphasize how important it is for students to give their best effort and actively participate. Students who are engaged in their remote learning will not see their grades negatively impacted based on previous scores throughout the year, so please continue to encourage your child to remain engaged over these next few weeks. Your continued support at home is crucial for your student's success.

A quick note of clarification: House Bill 197 waived requirements for the Ohio Department of Education to publish the state report cards regarding school district performance; it did not waive individual report cards for students, supplied by the individual school districts. *Students will receive report cards as usual.*

I also want to recognize that remote learning may not be as accessible for some students and families at this time. If you are experiencing a hardship that is negatively impacting your student's ability to participate in remote learning, please contact your child's guidance counselor or principal. Remember, we are here for you and we will work together to seek a solution.

Please review this Friday's newsletter from your principal for more information regarding what remote learning will look like for your student when we return from spring break.

2020 Commencement: Our seniors have worked hard and we are proud of them. We will celebrate their successes and the close of their high school career. Due to current state mandates and uncertainty regarding when social distancing guidelines will be relaxed, **the district has rescheduled both commencement ceremonies for Sunday, July 26** at Northern Kentucky University.

While this was an extremely difficult decision to make, we feel it is the best choice to help ensure that our senior class and their families will be able to enjoy this highly anticipated event. It is also important to us that we give your family sufficient notice so that you can plan accordingly. I will provide more information regarding specifics once it becomes available.

Class of 2020 FAQ: As a parent of a senior student myself, I fully appreciate all questions regarding the various activities that your senior has been looking forward to participating in with family and friends. It is important to us that these questions are answered for you. Our team has compiled a [Class of 2020 FAQ](#) with more information about final grades, graduation requirements and senior prom.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to reschedule every event through the end of the year. We are closely following the guidance set forth by Governor DeWine and public health officials. **The health and safety of our students and staff comes first.** As we receive a better understanding of what is to come, we will share more information with you.

Spring Break Lunch Program: Forest Hills School District will continue to provide boxed student lunches during spring break, April 6-13. Lunch pick-up/delivery will be available on a modified schedule and can be ordered now using [this link](#).

I know we've been sharing a lot of information with you over the past few weeks and I hope it's been helpful. Spring break will take place the week of April 6. I hope you and your family are able to unplug, decompress and reconnect. Take care of yourself and

your loved ones during this time and we will be here for you when learning resumes on Tuesday, April 14.

Stay healthy and be well.

Respectfully,

Scot