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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine issued a press statement closing all school districts in Ohio for three weeks. The health and safety of our students and staff are always our top priority, so in light of today's press conference, the Fairfield Union Local School District will be closing all schools, and all school related activities will be canceled effective the end of the school day on March 13 until April 5, 2020. We will be working to reschedule activities once we return from this closure, so please check our web site for updates. At this time, all classes and activities will resume in the district on April 6, 2020, unless we are given additional directives from Governor DeWine.

In an effort to provide continuing education for our students during this closure, the Fairfield Union staff have been preparing educational blizzard bags to send home with our students. Students should have a wide range of assignments to continue their education, as well as, numerous resources to provide enrichment on all activities. Through the generosity of our community, and our Permanent Improvement Levy, we are able to provide Chromebooks for every student in grades K-12 to take home. Many assignments have been loaded on the Chromebooks (meaning you do not need an internet connection to complete the assignments), and teachers are working with students to provide instruction on how to utilize the Chromebooks effectively.

During this school closure, teachers will be available to our students and families during their normal school hours. The preferred method of communication will be through the teacher's school email (which can be found at www.fairfieldunion.org), but we are also working with our staff to provide Google Hangouts for students for communication purposes. To utilize the Google Hangouts, students will only need access to a phone for communication.

Fairfield Union fully realizes we are about more than education. In an effort to help our families, the district will be packing all non-perishable food items in our kitchens to send home with our students. We also want to continue to educate our community on the Coronavirus. We urge you to visit the CDC (www.cdc.gov), the Ohio Department of Health (www.coronavirus.ohio.gov), or call 1-833-427-5634 for additional information. Just as with other illnesses, we are asking you to do your part to help prevent the spread of the disease. The CDC recommends you frequently wash your hands, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, avoid touching your face, and contact your primary health care provider should you exhibit any signs or symptoms of the flu or a cold.

Stay safe and you are in my thoughts and prayers,

Chad Belville, Superintentdent