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Dear Springfield Local Schools Parents, Guardians and Staff:

Hours ago, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine provided an update on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation in our state. Currently, the Governor, along with the Ohio Department of Health, recommended keeping K-12 open, but has advised school administrators to be prepared for the possibility of an extended school closure.

Parents should be advised that our administration and staff will follow the Governor's and the Ohio Department of Health's recommendations and we encourage families to prepare for the possibility of an extended school closure. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Household Planning Checklist is a valuable reference tool for planning needs:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/checklist-household-ready.html>

Based on the Governor's and Ohio Department of Health's recommendations, the following actions will immediately be implemented:

- Prepare for the possibility of an extended school closure.
- All field trips are suspended until further notice.
- All indoor student performances and school events are postponed until further notice.
- The District will follow the guidance as developed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).
- Visitors and volunteers to the schools will be limited.
- For College Credit Plus students:
 - The University of Akron will not be holding classes, including on-campus, online or distance learning through March 27. The University plans to resume classes the week of March 30 in an online format.
 - Stark State is currently on break and is expected to release guidance by Friday, March 13, 2020.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our number one concern. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation with health officials, respond appropriately and provide important updates to our community.

Updates will be communicated with parents through email and/or phone calls, along with posts to our website, www.springfieldspartans.org/wellness, and to our social media accounts. Please be sure that the school office has up to date phone and email contact information so that we can reach you efficiently. If the school office is unavailable, please contact the district at 330-798-1170 to update your information.

Thank you for your patience and support during this rapidly changing situation.

Sincerely,



Chuck Sincere
Superintendent