

Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Families,

Since today is Friday, I am supposed to be sending you a video message. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has rained on my parade. This week's message has to take place outdoors so I will present it to you when the sun shines again. In the meantime, I thought it best to get you a written message.

It has been 24 school days since we began virtual learning. We are learning so much about ourselves, about each other, from each other, and from this process. For all of these I am grateful.

At this point, the Governor has ordered schools to be closed until at least May 15th. We are expecting to get more information on or around May 11th and I will continue to keep you posted.

In the meantime, we diligently look ahead and plan to transition forward. There are so many positive strategies and ideas that have evolved from this crisis and we want to make sure that we capture them and expand on them as we reintegrate.

Additionally, we remain committed to your, your child's, and the staff's social and emotional well-being during this difficult time. We will be disseminating surveys to make sure we are ready to accept the children, parents, and staff with any and all plans required to meet their needs.

On Thursday, April 30th, we will be having our 2nd virtual Talk a Latte With the Superintendent. During this Zoom session parents, community members, and students are welcome. Dr. Sherri Glassman and I will be talking about what it means to be a Healthy Hornet. We will work through your thoughts, questions, and fears. I hope you will join us, as these always prove to be thoughtful and productive times together. A link to this meeting is forthcoming.

I can't wait for you to see my next video message.

Be safe, Be well, Be a Healthy Hornet,

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