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Good Afternoon Whitehall Community,

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I hope this communication finds you all well. I know it's difficult to believe, but after a few long weeks, we have made it to April! Our schools have now been closed for two-weeks and our teachers have been busy providing instruction and work for the students to remain actively engaged throughout this closure. I STRONGLY encourage families to participate in this experience with your children and actively encourage their engagement with their classroom teachers to ensure that they remain on top of their schoolwork.

Student Meal Delivery Change: Beginning on Friday April 3rd, student meals will be delivered for Friday and Monday's. On Tuesday April 7th, meals will be delivered for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. This new meal delivery process will occur each Friday and Tuesday thereafter to reduce exposure for staff as well as the community. Within the food delivery bag will be a menu for the delivery which you can follow to prepare the meals for your child(ren). Full meals will be delivered to the Tuesday and Friday stops, meals will not be split by the district between 2 household families; this will be the responsibility of the parents. These same busses will continue to be the delivery and pick-up mechanism for any work being transported back and forth to the buildings.

School Closure Extended: On March 27, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an executive order regarding the extension of school closure through April 15, 2020. I do believe that it is highly unlikely that we will be returning on this date, however please be aware that if the Governor does not extend the school closure past April 15th, we would have to return to school on Thursday, April 16. I will continue to monitor all available guidance and directives and keep you informed if this changes. Again, from everything we have seen and heard thus far, I would anticipate the April 15 date will be extended.

- **Spring Break: (APRIL 13-17)** During this time, schools have been required by the Governors Executive Order to continue to **provide instruction & meals** for students every weekday. So PLEASE be prepared to pick-up meals on Tuesday and Friday that week and ensure that children engage with their teachers in the educational process throughout the week.
- **School Budget Vote:** The governor postponed the budget vote until June 1st or later.
- **School Board Elections:** The Governor has postponed the School Board Elections until a date AFTER June 1st.

- **Whitehall Board of Education Meetings:** The Whitehall Central School district will continue to comply with the open meetings law *AND* safe social-distancing practices by participating in online BOE meetings. The next scheduled is on April 20th at 6:00pm. The link for public participation will be posted on the district website in advance of the meetings.

As always, we appreciate the continued support that is being provided at home with instruction. We recognize that this can be a difficult process and one that is continuously evolving as a result of the many external forces impacting our community. I am and continue to be however, confident that by working together and maintaining open communication this may all be just a bit easier. Be safe, be well and most importantly, be there for one another.

Best,

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