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Dear SWHS Families,

First, I would like to thank all families for their patience with this extremely challenging and ever-changing situation. As you may be aware, Governor Lamont has issued an executive order that all public schools across the state will be closed until March 31, 2020. As a follow up to that order, Connecticut's Commissioner of Education has communicated that districts should start to think about how to best engage students in distance learning, as the duration of our closure could extend beyond this date.

The SWHS staff has a solid starting point to begin this process as a result of our readiness for the Snow Day Scholars pilot and as a result of the steps taken by teachers late last week when we learned South Windsor Public Schools would be closed. Most students were informed by their teachers of learning opportunities in technology platforms such as Google Classroom or, in some instances, were provided hard copies of activities. I encourage students to begin/continue to engage with their learning through the completion of these activities.

With the uncertainty of when we will return you may have additional questions. Please know, we are working diligently to provide as much direction to students, teachers, and families while adjusting for the fluid nature of the situation. For now, here is what you can likely expect...

Students should expect to receive additional academic opportunities in a technological platform over the next few days.

Teachers will make their best effort to provide directions, resources, feedback, and/or to continue the process of learning for their students in a manner that is best for the content they teach.

Students can either communicate directly with their teacher in Google Classroom or can email their teacher to ask any questions related to content or assignment expectations.

I recognize there are questions this communication may not be addressing. Over the coming days, I hope that additional communications will be of assistance. And please forgive any delays with communication as we seek to provide thoughtful, accurate, and up-to-date information in the days ahead.

Stay Tuned: At this point it has become a common theme to refer to this as an ever-evolving situation; but this is truly the most accurate description. Families, educators, and local and state leaders are working hard to address many issues including those related to the education of students. We have a challenge in front of us, but we will overcome it by working together, learning together, and supporting one another throughout. I send all families positive thoughts. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Frank Rizzuto

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