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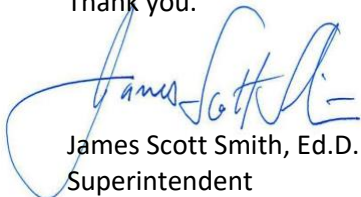
Dear parents and guardians,

This week, we learned from Governor Hogan and State Superintendent Dr. Salmon that all Maryland Public Schools will remain closed through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. We know this is disappointing for our students, our staff, and our families. No amount of online interaction can replace the face-to-face interactions and the relationships that form through them. We miss the countless ways we usually connect with each other, from the classroom to the lunch room. We will be back together and until then, this decision has been made to keep us all safe.

We were prepared for this announcement and will move forward with our Continuity of Learning plan. All students will continue their participation and progress through Edgenuity or Imagine Learning and our teachers will oversee and assist. Students working through printed packets should be directly communicating with the teachers to follow progress and provide support. How final grades will be calculated was presented at the April 29, 2020, Board of Education meeting.

There will be much more detailed information provided weekly from your schools. Please be sure to read the bulletins fully, as they answer many questions and provide links to help us all navigate the next six weeks.

Thank you.



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