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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we conclude our fourth week of home instruction, I would like to thank our students, parents and staff for their efforts in supporting the needs of all learners. These are unprecedented times, and we are all doing our best to cope with the stress and anxiety related to this crisis. Everyone has a role to play in fighting this pandemic and we can all do our part by staying home to reduce the spread of this virus.

I would also like to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to our community members who are still reporting to work to help and support others. Many of our parents and guardians are on the front lines in this crisis working in hospitals, law enforcement, emergency management, food service, and other critical areas as essential employees. On behalf of the Valley Road School staff, thank you for your dedication and support in keeping us safe. You are all the true heroes of this crisis!

On March 16, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 104 into effect which ordered all schools closed indefinitely. School districts will remain closed until such time as the Governor allows them to reopen. Remote learning plans will continue to be provided during this period of closure, and all days of instruction via remote learning will count towards the mandated 180-day requirement.

In an effort to provide clear and concise guidance to the members of our school community, please be advised that at this time the Stanhope School District will be extending the school closure through 5/1/20. All school activities will be cancelled through May 1. We will continue to reevaluate and assess the situation based upon current information and directives from Governor Murphy, the New Jersey Department of Education, and the New Jersey Department of Health on a weekly basis. Additional information will be shared with our community as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact me if you have questions, or need additional support.

Respectfully,

Steve Hagemann
Superintendent