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Dear Port Washington Families,

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced this morning that **statewide school district closures will be extended until April 15, 2020.** While we understand school closure is a disruption for families, it is important to remember these decisions are made for the health and safety of our students, staff and community. We have learned throughout the last several weeks that this is an evolving situation that changes daily, and we are grateful for your patience and flexibility.

While schools have been closed over the last two weeks, our district's teachers, IT technicians, myself and the Board of Education have been in constant communication to further plan out the district's distance learning plans for each grade level. With students' privacy and security as our top priority, early next week we will be finalizing those plans so that we can make available more engaging distance learning programs and resources beginning in April.

We will keep you informed and ask that you continue to be patient as we work through these uncharted territories. Please rest assured that our entire district team is working tirelessly and collaboratively to ensure that even during these challenging circumstances, we deliver the high-quality education you expect for your children.

For information, useful resources and district communications regarding COVID-19, please visit the district's website: <https://www.portnet.org/Page/14068>.

If you have any specific concerns or questions regarding the education of your child during this period of the closure of schools, please contact your child's building principal. Of course, you can always contact the superintendent at: mhynes@portnet.org, and if necessary, email the BOE at: boe@portnet.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Hynes".

Michael J. Hynes, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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