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Dear Port Washington Community,

Governor Cuomo has announced that schools will remain closed for the rest of this school year. While this is not the school year we had hoped for, we have adapted and will get through this together. Despite the hardship of illness and loss from this crisis, we will also have many memories of heroism and perseverance that will last a lifetime.

We understand school closure through the end of this school year raises many questions for our students and their families, notably:

- Remote learning for the balance of the school year for all grades
- High school and middle school grading practices for the fourth quarter
- Final trimester grading practices for our elementary students
- Graduation ceremony plans
- Senior and junior prom plans
- Food distribution services
- Childcare services for essential workers
- 2020-2021 school year budget

There is also the question of when a budget vote and trustee elections will take place, which was not addressed this morning by the Governor—we are still waiting to get clarification on this from Albany.

Please know that with this announcement, the administration and Board of Education have already begun to put in place plans for the balance of this school year in relation to all of the questions noted above, and more. As these decisions are finalized, we will get that information out to you.

If you have any questions about specific, individual school-related items that you may need more information about, please call your child's principal's office. For any medical related questions, please contact the Nassau County Department of Health or your family physician.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding

Sincerely,

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

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Superintendent of Schools

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