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Tamaqua Area SD Families:

We continue to navigate the challenges associated with the social distancing that is meant to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. None of us have any idea whether we will return on March 30<sup>th</sup> or if the break will be extended by the governor. In the meantime, I can update you on the following items.

1. **Building Access-** We began our cleaning process Monday. Only essential school district employees are operating at this time, such as custodial, some administrative and security.
2. **Student Meals-** We have applied to be able to serve student meals. It is our hope to begin Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the latest. If granted approval, we will reach out with another letter with specifics.
3. **Online Learning Resources-** Some materials may be posted on the district websites that offer students opportunities to stay sharp during the break. They are not mandatory. They are there to support you and your child. Depending on the subject matter, resources may not yet be available.
4. **Educational Program-** It is my hope that this situation subsides quickly allowing us to come back on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We have, however, begun thoughts, plans and preparation for a more extended break. Much will need to be decided and approved by the state in order to allow alternative educational learning programs to occur. We strive to be ready when and if we are given specific direction by the state. Rest assured that we will work with all students to provide the best educational experience possible given the extraordinary circumstances.

I will continue to update you when vital information is released. If you have questions, please reach out to us. We are here to support you and your family. Stay healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Kinder".

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