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Good afternoon everyone,

I hope all of you are healthy and well. We are working diligently to provide updates and responses on all fronts. Please know we appreciate all of your efforts, support, and patience!

As employees, this message is intended to provide you with the latest information I have at this time. You may be aware that the state legislature was hard at work in crafting legislation that specifically addresses schools during this closure and continued wages for school employees (teachers, support staff, classified staff, and administrators). While I believe the legislation has passed the Senate and the House, to my knowledge Governor Wolf has not yet signed the bill.

So, what does that mean for you? The District has no plans, at this time, to stop paying our school employees during the mandatory school closure.

On Tuesday, the school closure was extended minimally until April 6, 2020. In my communication to families last evening, I indicated we would follow the approved District school calendar, which means students would return to school on Tuesday, April 14. As for employees, your return is somewhat dependent on when the closure order is lifted.

I wish I had a more definitive timeline to provide, but the main point of this email is to provide reassurance that you will continue to be paid after tomorrow. Directions I have previously shared in regards to building access and information concerning essential employees has not changed.

Thank you for your help, support, and continued dedication to our students and their families. As this situation continues to evolve, I will continue to provide updates.

Stay healthy and be well.

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