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Parents, Guardians, and Community Members of the Canton Area School District:

First, my hope is you are all safe and in good health. I wanted to take a moment and provide you with updates on where the Canton Area School District is in regards to Continuity of Education as we look to close out the 2019-2020 school year. I am offering this letter as a way the district continues to be transparent with you as we continue to travel this uncharted territory of COVID - 19 times.

Earlier this week, Secretary Rivera provided guidance to all cyber, charter, and public school district across the Commonwealth. Secretary Rivera informed all school districts that “it is our responsibility and expectation that every school offer planned instruction at every grade level for all students” With this responsibility, comes continued challenges and barriers for many of our families in the school district. We are aware of these barriers, and we are going to do our best to support all students equitably and ensure they have the greatest access possible to our curriculum materials.

So, the question remains, what does this mean for the students and families in the Canton Area School District. Recall, we developed and submitted a Continuity of Education Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education two weeks ago. Within this plan, our intention was to finish out the school year in Option #2 (Enrichment and Review) of the Continuity of Education Plan. Based on the “expectation” placed on us from the Secretary, we are now being asked to adjust our Continuity of Education Plan accordingly and look for ways in which our staff can offer Planned Instruction (Option #3) to all our students.

This afternoon, our administrative team met to determine what this means for our district. Over the next few days, we will be working collaboratively to determine what Planned Instruction looks like for the students in our district. We have also asked for more clear guidance from Secretary Rivera on what his expectation for Planned Instruction is for students who do not have access to the internet, or who do not have devices. Our hope is his guidance will assist us in planning as we move forward toward Planned Instruction. Regardless of what we decide, we will communicate our intentions to you through our social media outlets and through our “all call” system.

On behalf of the teachers, administration, and school board, I want to thank you all for your patience and flexibility with us during this time. You truly have been a very cooperative community, and you continue to acknowledge the challenges we face during these unprecedented times. Remember, should you have any questions for our team, please continue to use the email address Questions@canton.k12.pa.us. It is truly an honor and pleasure to serve your children as superintendent of this school district.

Yours in Education,

Dr Eric Briggs

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