



MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Moshannon Valley Families and Staff,

All Pennsylvania School Districts were briefed by the Department of Education and Department of Health at 9:00 am today and the Governor's office held a press conference at 12:30 pm on the coronavirus COVID-19. At this time, the state is not recommending for school districts, other than Montgomery County School Districts, to close. However, in response to Governor Wolf's declaration that all State Agencies (including School Districts) postpone all planned large group (200+) community meetings, trainings, gatherings and events, Moshannon Valley School District has made the following changes:

- **The High School Drama Production originally scheduled for March 27-29 has been postponed until May 15, 16, and 17.**
- **Baccalaureate Service originally scheduled for Sunday, May 17 will now be held on Sunday, May 31.**
- **The All-Sports Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 30.**
- **In addition, Moshannon Valley will not be hosting any community groups in District buildings at this time. All outside or non-district events, activities, meetings, or athletics that meet inside the buildings are cancelled effective immediately until further notice.**

To ensure families are aware of some of our current best practices, the District is reminding students and staff about consistent and increased handwashing; we have proactively installed multiple hand sanitizing stations in each building; and provided disinfectant cleaner in all classrooms for teachers to regularly clean and disinfect common surfaces multiple times throughout the school day.

We are in regular communication with our transportation companies to ensure they are following best practices in cleaning and sanitizing the buses and vans.

The food service company is reinforcing good handwashing practices and sanitizing all cafeteria surfaces more frequently.

We encourage the continued practice of families keeping students home from school if they are sick.

While we understand these may create some inconveniences for families, the District will follow all directives and recommendations from the state regarding the evolving circumstances around the spread of the coronavirus. We believe this course of action is consistent with Moshannon Valley's ongoing commitment to ensure that the health and safety of students and our staff remains our top priority.

Respectfully,

John W. Zesiger, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Working Together to Ensure Every Student Succeeds