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Dear ESM Families,

I hope this letter finds everyone safe and healthy on this first day of May.

As you may already know, NY Governor Cuomo, in response to the pandemic, has extended the closure of all NYS schools through to the **end of the school year**.

Monday marks the beginning of the **8th week** since our students were last in the buildings. It also marks **the 6th week** of our distance learning initiative. As we have moved through this time period together, we have adjusted to feedback and worked on improving the delivery of curriculum to our students. This form of virtual instruction will now continue for the remainder of the school year.

I am very proud of our students, families and teachers for all of their efforts to keep learning ongoing. Our teachers and administrators have received many positive and supportive messages in regards to our distance learning program. Those messages have been a catalyst for innovation and continued growth in distance learning practices for all of us.

Please know that all school staff members are here to support students and families however we can. We know that there will continue to be questions and we also know there will be individual challenges, but understand that we are all in this as a community, I know that we will come through it. I would like to remind you to contact your child's teacher, as a first step to any questions or concerns about the virtual classroom and assignments. Our teachers want to know how they can assist your child and have proven themselves very responsive, as they always have been.

I would like to remind you about the variety of resources which are available to everyone on our school website. Please be sure to access both the district website and your child's school building website for the latest information.

As you might expect, over the coming weeks, additional information will be coming your way with regard to the remainder of the school year.

As always, please reach out to my office at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for all of your continued patience and understanding as we all work our way through these unparalleled times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Steimel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the end.

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Superintendent of Schools

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