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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Yesterday evening, the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the "Safer At Home Order" which had the effect of closing schools and many businesses. This morning, the School District has received information from the Department of Public Instruction and our District Legal Counsel indicating that the ruling of the Supreme Court specifically does not apply to the order to close schools through June 30, 2020. (<https://dpi.wi.gov/administrators/e-mail/supreme-court-decision-regarding-safer-home-order>) As a result, schools in the state of Wisconsin, including the Port Edwards School District, will remain closed to in-person activities and events through June 30, 2020. In the event that this order closing schools is changed, we will communicate that to you.

At this time, the District will continue to provide services as we have over the past few weeks. Our Food Service will continue to provide meals, as they have been, through Thursday, June 18, 2020. We have communicated the procedures we will use to collect student books and computers, along with returning to the students the items left at school on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28. Over the next three weeks we will proceed to close out our academic year.

Several events have been rescheduled as a result of the closure and are now planned tentatively to be held later in the summer. Graduation has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 10am. Prom has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2020. Summer school plans are still being developed, but we are hoping to hold these sessions at the beginning of August.

I know that the current situation is less than desirable and there is nothing more that I would like than to resume school and to have students in our hallways. Thank you for all you have done to help your children and to help the schools through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Kyle Cronan
District Administrator