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Dear Steel Valley Community,

We now are starting the third week of government-mandated closure of our schools. This drastic measure was taken because schools could become hotspots for COVID-19. In order for us to protect our community, and to warrant the closure of our schools, we have to take every precaution possible to contain the coronavirus.

Last week I saw groups of young people playing football, soccer and baseball at Campbell Field. Normally, this is a scene that warms my heart. However, under our current circumstances, the simple act of throwing a softball or Frisbee back and forth can lead to the transmission of the virus. Playing a game like football, even if it were touch or flag, is now a high-risk activity, not because of possible injuries but because of potential infections. Due to the behaviors with elevated risk that I witnessed, I decided to close Campbell Field until further notice.

As a lifelong resident of our community, I feel a keen responsibility not only to our students and staff, but also to our neighborhoods. With the number of new COVID-19 cases continuing to increase nationally and regionally, please remember to practice social distancing. Stay at least six feet away from others. Please avoid fist bumps, elbow bumps, or shoe touches. Head nods, smiles and kind words are sufficient and acceptable ways to demonstrate our respect and affection for everyone we see.

Please model social distancing for your family and your neighbors. Remember to wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face. Together, we can all do our part to “flatten the curve” and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent