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The Parma City School District’s top priority is the health, safety and well-being of all students and staff. The PCSD continues to closely monitor the continuing developments of COVID-19, commonly referred to as the coronavirus.

The PCSD continues to follow the guidance and recommendations from many governmental and health agencies, both locally and nationally.

After careful consideration following Ohio Governor Mike DeWine’s press conference today, the district has decided to expedite the timeline in which to prepare for extended building closures due to COVID-19.

**Therefore, the PCSD will cancel school for all students on Friday, March 13, 2020 and Monday, March 16. All afterschool programs, practices, events, and gatherings will also be cancelled for March 13, 2020 and March 16, 2020. Schools will remain closed until the Governor declares they are to re-open.**

PCSD staff members will report to their buildings on March 13 (professional development day) and March 16 (teacher work day). Staff will immediately begin work to prepare lesson plans and assignments for students.

Preparation will include a version of a “Blizzard Bag” for elementary students. For secondary students, curriculum will be designed to be completed remotely using the one-to-one student technology devices. We will continue to communicate details of our academic plans in the coming days.

As this public health situation continues to evolve, the PCSD will continue to be vigilant in monitoring and updating our community with any relevant information.

For more information and for resources on COVID-19, visit our website at [www.parmacityschools.org/coronavirus](http://www.parmacityschools.org/coronavirus).

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