

PFT Coronavirus Update 3-30-20: PA school closures, Tele-town hall, Arsenal video, Links

CORONAVIRUS



Updates

Dear Dan:

Schools & Businesses Closed Indefinitely By Order of Governor Wolf.

In addition to increasing the number of stay-at-home counties across Pennsylvania, Governor Wolf closed PA schools and businesses indefinitely today.

"We're going to keep our schools and businesses closed as long as we need to keep them closed to keep Pennsylvania safe. Right now, it isn't safe." -- Governor Tom Wolf

[Read the story in the Tribune-Review, here.](#)

Tele-Town Hall Planning Underway.

Working in conjunction with AFT's Office of Organization and Field Services, the PFT held an exploratory information call with the district today to discuss holding a tele-town hall between PFT members and the superintendent.

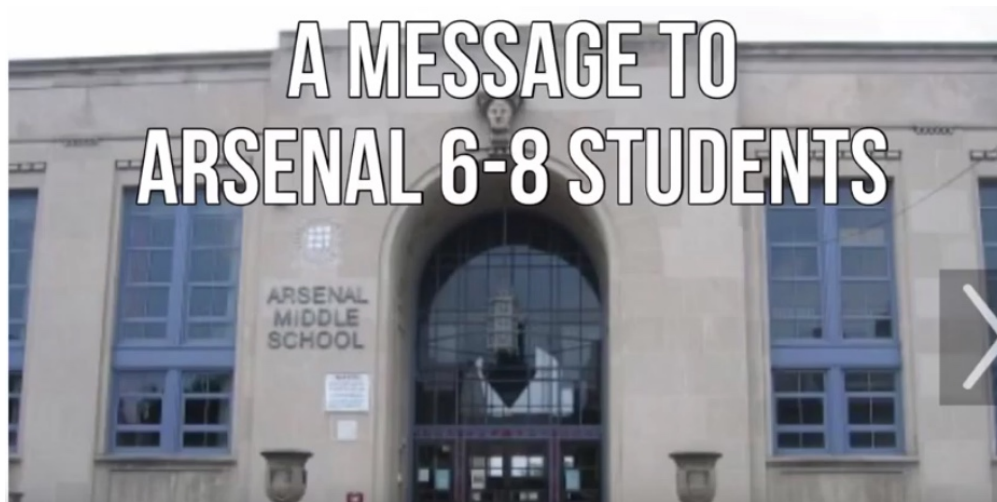
We hope to have a formalized announcement with sign-up information for members available very soon—what we know now is that our program would be limited to 500 registrants and be moderated and managed by staff members from the PFT and district alike.

We have a TENTATIVE target of 1:00 PM Thursday for the call. This has not been finalized.

We know you will have a wealth of questions as we move into a distance learning model—it is certainly uncharted territory for most of our District. And with schools being closed indefinitely today, this could be a fantastic opportunity for clarity and direction.

We will be sharing announcements via member email and by interactive "Hustle" text messaging when we have more news—stay tuned!

Memorable "Miss You" Video Message From Arsenal To Students.



They speak for themselves, and in so many ways, speak for all of us during this challenging time. Please share your inspiring school messages with us, and we'll do our level best to share with PFT members! **Send to dan_evans@pft400.org.**

Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves. *It will do so daily.*

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[Click for EAP Information Flyer](#)

[Click for Life Skills Solutions Website](#) (login upper right)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links](#)

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)



Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control](#)

[Allegheny County Health Department Rumor Control](#)

Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.

In solidarity—

Nina Esposito-Visgitis

Sent via ActionNetwork.org. To update your email address, change your name or address, or to stop receiving emails from Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, please [click here](#).