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Good afternoon Johnston Families and staff, this is Dr. Di Lullo, the Superintendent of Schools. I want to update you on some school related information. We have submitted our plan to the state for distant learning for the district. This is a form of instruction that is done electronically and will be offered for grades kindergarten through grade 12. If approved, we will set up times for elementary students to come into schools to pick up a laptop computer. Generally middle school and high school students have taken their laptops home with them already. If not, we can make arrangements for those students to pick up their computer as well. Internet service at your home is required for this type of learning. If you do not have internet service, please call your school and leave your name and phone number on voicemail. We will check messages at the schools and make other arrangements for instruction such as paper assignments. We have also posted information from COX on our website offering low cost internet service if you are interested. If school is cancelled beyond this week, we will move to distant learning for our students. The Governor is expected to make an announcement tomorrow afternoon regarding the continuation of school closure. Also, we have been in touch with our food service company to plan for possible breakfast and lunch sites in Johnston while schools are closed. They have submitted a plan for approval through the Rhode Island Department of Education. If approved, we will be serving grab and go meals at Thornton Elementary School and Johnston High School as early as this Thursday. I will notify you when we receive approval for these sites. Until then, there is a list of meal distribution sites in other cities and towns on our website. In order to receive a meal, you must bring all eligible children with you. Children 18 and younger are eligible. Hopefully you and your families remain healthy through this crises. I will continue to update you on any new developments and information. Thank you for your attention and have a great evening.