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Dear Members of the Village Park Academy Community,

I am writing to inform you that the Pennsbury Administration and Board of School Directors have scheduled a special public hearing on Thursday, March 19, 2020 to initiate an evaluation of the educational program at Village Park and consider potential closure. This public hearing will be held between 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fallsington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Please be assured that no decision has been made at this time as to the future of Village Park Academy, and no final decision will be made until June. This public hearing is a requirement of the Pennsylvania School Code. Section 780 of the School Code states, "In the event of a permanent closing of a public school or substantially all of the school's facilities, the Board of School Directors shall hold a public hearing on the question not less than three (3) months prior to the decision of the Board relating to the closing of the school. Notice of the hearing shall be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearings."

The public hearing will include a presentation by the Administration on student enrollment, staffing, facility matters and associated costs, after which there will be an opportunity for public comment. In order to maximize the number of people who can make public comment, speakers will be limited to no more than 3 minutes each. Anyone wishing to make comments for the Board to consider but may be unable to speak in the allotted time will also have the option to do so electronically. More information regarding this option will be made available on the date of the public hearing.

A potential decision of the Board is tentatively scheduled for the June 18th Action Meeting. The intent of this process is to bring proper attention to the needs of the students, staff and overall program at Village Park Academy in a transparent manner.

Respectfully,

Dr. William J. Gretzula

MISSION

Recognizing our proud traditions and diverse community, the Pennsbury School District prepares all students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for lifelong success in a global society.