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May 1, 2020

To All Parents / Guardians:

Earlier today, Governor Cuomo announced that all New York State school districts will continue their period of closure for the remainder of 2019-2020 school year. As a result of the extension of the closure period, all district buildings and grounds will remain closed. While this is not the outcome we hoped for, it does alleviate a certain amount of stress that comes with uncertainty.

Although this decision resolves the question on whether or not schools will reopen this year, it does generate additional questions and concerns. Based on the current information available, listed below are some important notices for our students, parents, and guardians:

- <u>Educational Materials</u>: Our faculty and staff will continue to provide educational materials for our students. The information previously released regarding learning expectations, how grades will be calculated, and student engagement time restrictions will remain intact and are posted on the district's website for your review.
 - o <u>Packet Pick-up</u>: The district will continue to offer a paper packet pick-up on Thursdays from 7:30am to 10:30am.
- <u>Summer School</u>: The Governor also announced that a decision on if summer school programs will be allowed to operate will be made by the end of May.
- <u>Technology</u>: The district has opened our Guest Wifi account and this service can be accessed in our parking lot. In addition, district owned Chromebooks are available for students or families who need a user device to complete educational materials. If you would like to borrow a device, please contact your child's Building Principal at 518-632-5222.
- <u>State Exams</u>: New York State has cancelled the 3-8 ELA, Math, and Science exams, the June Regents exams, and the August Regents.
- <u>Lunches</u>: The district will continue to provide lunches to our students. If you are not currently receiving a lunch and wish to enroll in the program, please contact Mrs. Howe at 518-632-5222 extension 273. We are currently providing almost 150 meals and we would be honored to be able to serve your family.

As more information is provided to school districts, I will do my best to keep you informed.

I appreciate your continued support and patience as we collectively work through this difficult time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the district at 518-632-5222.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cook Superintendent

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