

April 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to update you on the recent events impacting the school district. As I am sure you are aware, Governor Cuomo has extended the closure of schools through April 29th. The language in the new order says that if he does nothing additional, not likely, we will be back in school on April 30th.

In addition, the Board of Regents passed a series of changes the most significant of which cancels the Regents examinations scheduled for June. Mrs. Grieb has sent out a detailed memo on the effect of this cancellation on our students.

At this point, we can only wait for guidance from the Governor as to when and if we will be back to school this year.

The teachers did an excellent job of preparing online material for their students. They did so with very short notice and are constantly revising and adding to this material. They have been careful to design the instruction so that students of all abilities, with some assistance, can complete the assignments.

Most of our students have completed their assignments on time. A few students have completed some assignments, but have not kept up with the work. Of greatest concern are the students who have done little or nothing with the assigned school work.

While we have committed to a pass/fail grade for the final marking period, this does not mean that all of the students will automatically pass. We need the assistance of you as the parents to encourage your students to keep up with their assignments. It is necessary for students to complete all assignments so they are ready for school when we return.

I realize that internet access is a problem for some. We have put information on our COVID-19 tab on the website for accessing low or no cost internet. In extreme cases where internet is not possible, we have asked families to contact their principal for printed material. If you have any questions about your student(s) assignments please contact the teacher. For all other questions/concerns, please contact the appropriate building principal.

It is important that in these difficult times we do not let the learning that your child needs and deserves not take place.

Stay Well,

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent