

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**\*\*Update – Governor Cuomo just announced that schools will be closed until May 15<sup>th</sup>\*\***

April 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The following is an update regarding COVID-19 and the school closure. We have been sending an automated phone call reminding parents to check their email for our letters when they come out. From this point forward I will update you every Thursday afternoon with a letter and we will not send the phone call alerts after this week.

As of now we are to reopen on April 30<sup>th</sup> based on the last Governor's order. Whether or not we are coming back then or at all is everyone's first question. As of this writing I have no new information in that regard. I will send out a message as soon as something new comes out.

Please be aware that our school social workers, school psychologists and guidance counselors are all available. If you feel that your student is struggling with the closure, isolation, school work or other related matters and needs a contact with one of those professionals, please contact the student's principal and your request will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.

The Pupil Personnel Department has asked me to remind parents that our Committee on Special Education (CSE) is conducting virtual meetings to complete annual reviews. They will reach out to involved families to schedule said meetings.

I have received a number of inquiries from parents and students about end of school year activities. Depending on when we are allowed to return to school and under which rules, we will hold as many of those activities as possible. The one activity that will take place will be high school graduation. While the date of the ceremony will depend on a many factors, at some time in the future the graduation ceremony will be held.

Finally, in last week's letter I expressed my concern over the numbers of students who were doing little or none of the online work that has been prepared for them. I asked for the parents support and assistance in making sure that the interruption to their child's education was a minimal as possible. While we have seen improvements there are still concerns that some students are not participating at the level of their peers. A reminder, if you need help in having your student do the online course work or if there are circumstances preventing their full participation please contact the teacher or the principal of the school. Eventually our traditional educational program will resume and we want our students to be prepared to return to our school or move on to the college of their choice.

Again thanks for your support and be well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin D. Handler

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