

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Members of the Pine Plains School District Community:

I would like to update you on the status of the school district during the pandemic. On March 16th our school buildings were closed by order of the County Executive. On March 18th all school buildings were closed throughout the state by order of Governor Andrew Cuomo. That order has been extended twice and is due to expire on May 15th unless extended again.

All events, including athletics have been cancelled during this period. The buildings themselves have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Entry to the schools is restricted and by appointment only.

Though the school buildings themselves have been closed, the education of our students continues. Every one of our teachers is working from home providing online course work to our students at every grade level, pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade, and for every subject. Our district is fortunate in that every one of our students has a computer device assigned to them. Our biggest obstacle in conducting online learning is the lack of internet in approximately ten percent of our households. We have worked with our cable providers to offer free internet to those families.

Our pupil personnel staff is also working from home. Guidance counselors, social workers and psychologists are providing services to those students in need of their assistance.

Our food service staff has done tremendous work in preparing breakfast and lunch for those students whose families request it. Two days' worth of meals are prepared for those students and either picked up at the high school or delivered by a dedicated group of volunteers. We are feeding about 120 students per day.

In summary, although the pandemic has changed the way we are providing services, we continue to operate so that the education of our children has the least interruption possible.

Any resident who has a question about what we are doing should email me at m.handler@ppcsd.org.

Stay well and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent

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