April 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I know that the past few weeks have been difficult ones for all members of our community, especially our children. Taking children out of their routines, providing instruction remotely, and limiting their social circles has all had an impact on students, which we as educators, recognize. However, this is the sacrifice we all are being asked to make as part of the government’s effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and flatten the curve on the spread of this awful virus.

On March 27, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.11, which extended the time schools would be closed through April 15, 2020. In that Executive Order, Governor Cuomo also made clear that he expects schools to use any and all scheduled vacation days as days of instruction. The Deputy Secretary of Education clarified to educational leaders on Saturday, March 28, 2020, that this includes the upcoming spring break week.

**Accordingly, students will continue to work remotely with their teachers during the weeks of April 9-17. Additionally, for those who are receiving meals through the District, food distribution will continue that week also.**

On behalf of the Board of Education and District, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our employees for all that they have done and will continue to do as we navigate these challenging times together. An additional thank you to all of the parents and guardians who have been understanding and supportive of the District. I am sure we will all get through this together and I look forward to seeing students back in school.

Sincerely,

James J. Montesano, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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