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Superintendent of Schools

March 16, 2020

Dear Nyack School District Community,

At 1 p.m. today, Rockland County Executive Ed Day declared a State of Emergency relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19) through April 15, 2020. At the same time, the County Executive signed an Executive Order suspending all public and private school classes and activities for a period of two weeks. It is our understanding that the Executive Order closing schools may be extended based on conditions in Rockland County and guidance from the Rockland County Department of Health, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Education Department and/or Governor Cuomo. **Therefore, schools will be closed at least through March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Nyack School District will continue to update parents, guardians and students via email, text message and other mass notifications. During the coming weeks, we encourage frequent visits to our official website, [www.Nyackschools.org](http://www.Nyackschools.org), where critical information on schedules, programs and supports will be updated regularly. Our **Education Continuity Plan** for all students, K-12, is posted there and has been sent to all Parent Portal accounts. Students are expected to begin daily assignments on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

We understand that any school closure can be a hardship for our students and their families. Our administrative teams have been working around-the-clock to develop plans for home access to instructional materials and nutritional/meal services, as well as other critical student supports during the closure.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students, staff and communities safe.

Sincerely,

James J. Montesano, Ed.D.  
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