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Dear Uniondale Union Free School District Community:

This afternoon, the Uniondale Union Free School District was notified that Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, in coordination with the Nassau County Department of Health, has ordered all schools throughout Nassau County be closed for two weeks starting tomorrow, Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27. The executive order was given as part of the County's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). During this extended period of closure, the District will initiate additional rounds of sanitizing and cleaning of all District facilities. The District is working with the Department of Health to discuss the full extent of precautions that we should be taking.

Please note that a Districtwide closure means all school activities, meetings, events, including PTA events, etc. are canceled. We do not currently have specific information on the rescheduling of these activities. Once decisions are made when, and if, rescheduling will occur, we will get that information out to the community and the specific groups impacted. For more information about community resources and updates on specific programs, please visit the District's website:

<https://district.uniondaleschools.org>

We understand that this announcement poses an inconvenience to our community. The spread of the coronavirus is continuously changing the world we are living in. This is an evolving situation and we thank you for your patience and flexibility. While we know the closure is a disruption, it is important to remember that every step we take is intended to put the safety of our community first.

Over the past several weeks, the Uniondale Union Free School District's central administration and Board of Education have been working diligently to prepare for the potential of school closures to ensure our students' educational experience is not interrupted during this time of uncertainty. We are in the process of implementing online options and other resources that can be leveraged to ensure an equitable and viable plan ensuring educational continuity for all grade levels. We will be following up with parents and students to coordinate plans for any digital learning platforms and other resources we will be making available so that our students will be able to productively use their time away from our school buildings. Though we recognize that this cannot take the place of in-class instruction, this will help bridge the gap until we are back in school.

Regarding the planning and distribution of meals, the following information is repeated from our letter dated March 13, 2020:

- Since the District will be closed from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27, 2020, breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until Friday, March 27, 2020, at the entrance of Uniondale High School and Lawrence Road Middle School between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.

This is a difficult time for all of us. If you have any questions about specific, individual school-related items that you may need more information about, please call your child's principal's office. They have access to any message left for them. For any medical-related questions, please contact Ms. Sylvia Kallich, Administrative Assistant for Health Services, the Nassau County Department of Health at 516-227-9697 or your family physician.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Thank you,

Dr. William K. Lloyd

Superintendent of Schools

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