

# UNIONDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is a follow-up to my letter dated March 11, 2020. While information changes each day, at this time, **there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school district** and we have **not** received any notifications from the Nassau County Department of Health regarding our need to close our schools. We continue, however, to stay in close contact with local, state and federal health officials to make the most informed decisions on behalf of the safety and well-being of our scholars, staff and families.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19, the District has been following the guidance of the Nassau County Department of Health, the New York State Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Education Department. The District has been providing updates which can be found on our school District website <https://district.uniondaleschools.org>

The District will continue to maintain our enhanced cleaning and disinfectant protocols throughout all of our schools. Out of an abundance of caution, the District has taken the following actions effective today, Friday, March 13, 2020:

- All evening and weekend events have been postponed until further notice **with the exception of the Alternative High School Program, after school activities and athletic practices within our schools and Board of Education meetings.**
- All field trips have been postponed until further notice.
- All music events, including the NYSSMA adjudication, have been postponed until further notice.
- All athletic games have been postponed until further notice.
- The SAT exam scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 has been cancelled.
- PTA Roundtable will be postponed until further notice.
- Adult Education classes will be postponed until further notice.
- Meetings/events for organizations with a permit for use of facilities have been postponed until further notice.
- All other large group gatherings including assemblies, parent programs and honor society inductions will be rescheduled, if possible.
- In the event that the schools are closed, out of district placement and non-public school students will still be transported as long as their school is open and the bus company is operational.

Again, the Uniondale School District has **no confirmed cases** of COVID-19. We will continue to keep you updated. We urge you not to rely on rumors and to seek information from verified sources. We know that decisions like these cause significant disappointment for our scholars, parents and community but know that they are made with thoughtful consideration and in the best interest of the safety and well-being of our scholars, staff and families. We will continue to assess and adjust our plans as circumstances arise. It is our sincere hope that cancelled activities can be rescheduled for later in the school year.

Planning for continuity of instruction:

- The District has worked diligently to plan for the continuity of instruction in the event of an extended school closure, and instruction will take place via ***Googlesuite and Appleschoolwork***. Parents who need assistance regarding these sites should contact our Director of Technology, Ms. Ana Ritter, at 516-918-1026 or via email at [aritter@uniondaleschools.org](mailto:aritter@uniondaleschools.org). Scholars who do not have access to technology or internet service will be provided with instructional packets. Therefore, if you have not responded to the Parent and Student eLearning Survey which was sent home with your child and which is currently on the district website, please do so immediately.

Planning for distribution of meals:

- In the event that the schools in the district are closed, parents will be notified via school messenger. Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up on the second day after schools close at the entrance of Uniondale High School and Lawrence Road Middle School between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Finally, I wish to thank the staff, scholars and the entire Uniondale community for their continued support during these challenging times. The District will continue to share information with our community as it becomes available. As always, the health and safety of scholars, staff and families remain our priority.

Thank you,



Dr. William K. Lloyd  
Superintendent of Schools