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Dear Pocantico Hills CSD Families,

Today Westchester County Executive, George Latimer declared a state of emergency due to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Included in his executive orders was a closure of all schools for 14 days: 3/18-3/31. The intention of this closure is to help mitigate the spread of the virus in our schools through “social distancing”. Pocantico Hills will re-open for business on 4/1/20.

The reality is that we are receiving new information and guidance daily and as such this date may change and families should be prepared for a closure of a longer duration.

The one constant in this situation has been change. As new information and insights regarding how best to combat the coronavirus continue to emerge, the recommendations from our health and governmental agencies are likely to change as well. We will continue to communicate this information to you as it becomes available and appreciate your continued support and understanding. We are all in this together!

Our teachers have been working diligently to ensure that they are able to provide a continuation of academic and support services. Additionally, we are prepared to make sure that the mental health needs of our students are met. To this end, we will be providing a list of dates and times when our school psychologist is available to provide consultation, or chat with students and parents alike. Our school counselors will be checking in directly with their students to make sure that all is well; they are here if needed!

I am pleased to announce that we have already put procedures in place to make sure that our students receive the benefits that they deserve. Our staff has been working diligently and without pause to put procedures in place to make sure that our breakfast and lunch support program remains operational. Representatives from the school will reach out directly to eligible families to coordinate these efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact Kassie Keehn at kkeehn@pocanticohills.org if you feel that you qualify for this service and have not heard from us.

It is at times like this that the character and strength of a community comes to the surface. I can say with honesty and appreciation that you are all great and that your consideration for the needs of our students and one another is inspiring.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Stay Safe,
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