

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Onteora Families,

Please be advised that we have received a directive from Ulster County Executive, Pat Ryan, that all Ulster County Schools are required to be closed for two weeks starting Monday, March 16, 2020, to help control the current COVID-19 situation in our county. There are still no confirmed cases within our District, but I wholeheartedly endorse the action being taken by our County in order to minimize the impact to our community.

Accordingly, Onteora schools will be closed for staff and students Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020. We expect that we will be provided additional guidance from the State on how this will impact the school year in the near future. Please be aware that we will have to revisit our school calendar and this closure may impact or eliminate our Spring Break, but we do not have any definitive answers on that at this time. When we have additional information, we will provide it to you in every way possible.

We understand that this abrupt change in plans will negatively impact many of our families in many ways. We are investigating whether we have the ability and capacity to provide food for families during this closure. If we are able to facilitate providing food, it may not begin immediately, but we will be in touch.

During the school closure, the CDC is urging parents to discourage their children from gathering socially at friends' houses, the mall, or restaurants. In addition to using a school closure as an opportunity to intensely disinfect the premises, the closure also provides time to slow down any possible spread by limiting contact with others.

As a parent, I understand that this disruption will be incredibly difficult for families; however, we must comply with the County Executive's Order. We will continue to provide you the most updated information about this very rapidly changing situation as we become aware of it. The health and safety of our community is our number one priority.

Thank you again for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Victoria McLaren
Superintendent