

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Onteora Families,

We wanted to touch base and provide some additional information as this situation progresses. Governor Cuomo has issued an Executive Order closing all schools in New York through April 1st. This is an extension of the closure that was put into place by the Ulster County Executive. At this time, Onteora will be closed from Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, April 1st. Based on the Executive Order from Governor Cuomo, we are currently anticipating that we will reopen on Thursday, April 2nd. The Governor did indicate in his communication that he will be revisiting the end date of the school closures, and we will keep you informed as we gather additional information.

Based on the timeline included in the Executive Order, we have recommended that our Board of Education amend our current school year calendar to designate Monday, March 16th through Monday, March 23rd as our Spring Break, and Tuesday, March 24th through Thursday, March 26th as our unused snow days. We expect further guidance from the NYS Education Department regarding the days of the closure that extend beyond our spring break and snow day give backs.

Our staff worked diligently to provide resources and materials for our students to have at home based on our expectation that there may be a closure declared. These resources were intended to provide students with access to resources, and were not intended as a replacement for primary instruction. As we are currently observing spring break and our unused snow days, this work is not mandatory. We will have exhausted our spring break and snow days at the end of next week, however, the materials being provided will carry our students through the anticipated April 2nd return to school. In the coming days, you will find access to additional resources, supports, and building specific communications. Please do not hesitate to reach out by email to your building principal with any questions or concerns regarding instructional materials.

We would ask that you remind your children that we are observing social distancing and while it is difficult to be away from their friend group, it is imperative that we continue to maintain our commitment to social distancing in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

We will provide regular updates as they become available. Please check the district website often. If you have specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building Principal.

As always, our primary concern is the health and safety of our Onteora community.

Sincerely,
Victoria McLaren and Jodi DeLucia
Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent