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December 10, 2020

Dear Orange-Ulster BOCES Community,

There continues to be much discussion about how plans for the holiday season have changed for many of us in our personal lives. It's my hope that you and your family were able to enjoy the Thanksgiving Recess.

As a reminder to everyone, Orange Ulster BOCES will return to in person instruction for Special Education and hybrid for Career and Technical Education students beginning Monday, December 14th through December 23rd. Our scheduled winter recess begins on December 24th and was to conclude on January 3, 2021. Based upon the recommendation of the Orange County Commissioner of Health, we will pivot to remote instruction after the winter recess for an additional 10 days with a return to in-person/hybrid instruction on January 19, 2021. Over the course of the next few days we will be working to ensure that everyone has access to the resources and materials they need to teach and learn in the remote environment following winter recess.

We continue to be proud of the work we have done in establishing and following protocols that have enabled us to keep everyone safe and our schools open. We will continue to monitor our schools and communities and adapt our plans as necessary.

I encourage everyone to follow the Department of Health guidelines for family and community gatherings and to stay safe and healthy throughout this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support and please accept my best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William J. Hecht'.

William J. Hecht
Chief Operating Officer