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March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well. The questions and information swirling around coronavirus COVID-19 is coming from many sources and from different points of view.

Simply put, I am using our guidance from the Department of Health and the NYS Education Department to inform my decisions. Our leadership team, which during this time has included input and efforts from superb faculty and staff, is working to make sure our students and school are well served in any event.

As of today, we have cancelled or postponed all events/activities, including extracurricular practices and meetings. We have increased our cleaning and disinfecting regimen, are preparing contingency learning activities/materials for all students, K-12, and are developing meal access options for students.

There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the time of this letter. If there is, I will be required to call for a mandatory 24-hour closing of school.

If we are directed by the Governor to close school for an extended period of time, for example, a full week or more, faculty and principals have already prepared instructional packets of student learning activities that will be given to every student, K-12. Junior-Senior High School packets will be sent with students today, Friday, March 13, 2020 and Elementary students Monday, March 16, 2020.

Any decision to close school will be shared through our regular means of communication. It is a big decision to close school, and that decision carries with it several important considerations. I will communicate with you all on Monday, March 16 with further information. We are all working diligently at school to ensure the safest environment for students and staff.

Please be ready to receive communication through phone, email, social media and/or website. As a reminder, below are some of the most informative and accurate web-based resources I can offer you at this time.

- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – Frequently Asked Questions – Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#prevention>
- New York State Novel Coronavirus Hotline, 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns about travel and symptoms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Crankshaw", written over a horizontal line.

William Crankshaw
Superintendent of Schools