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Dear Families,

The purpose of this correspondence is to update you on recent developments in the Clarence Central School District with respect to the coronavirus pandemic.

Our primary channel of communication is the school district website. We have used our email and text message mass notification system to keep parents and students apprised of changing developments in real time. If parents have yet to register for our mass communication emails and text messages, you can visit this site for directions: <http://bit.ly/CCSDNotify>.

This is a time of high anxiety and I want to reassure parents that our goal during the crisis is to keep students connected to learning and do the best everyone can do with remote instruction. We do not want to overburden families with difficult to manage expectations. Our faculty will be flexible and we want all parties to be comfortable with the fact that students can only do what they can.

We have closed all the school buildings with the exception of the district office. We have begun the process of repeating our deep cleaning and disinfecting regimen in the schools. Our plan is to keep the school buildings closed until students return. If you make a phone call to any of the buildings, the call will be routed to our district office switchboard. The switchboard operator will direct phone messages to the appropriate administrator.

Only select key personnel will be on site at the district office from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm daily. We will continue to serve bag lunches and breakfast meals daily from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at our drive-through high school location. If the need exists to gather an item from one of the schools, please contact the switchboard and arrangements can be made to deliver items to homes.

The State Education Department (SED) has announced the suspension of all grades 3-8 testing for the remainder of the school year. No guidance has yet been released on Regents exams.

The College Board has developed free online Advanced Placement (AP) review courses to compliment remote work provided by teachers. The College Board is developing secure 45-minute free response exams for each course that students will be able to take online. This website has more information on AP courses: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates>.

Please practice social distancing and stay well. We will send another update when more information is available.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.
Superintendent