

# CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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.

Governor Cuomo has issued a series of Executive Orders that modify or suspend particular laws during the coronavirus pandemic emergency. His most recent Executive Order keeps all schools in NYS closed until April 14, 2020. The order allows that date to be extended, and the Governor has publicly announced that he will make decisions in two-week increments. The Governor will make the final decision on the date for re-opening schools across New York.

The Governor's Executive Order also mandates that Districts must continue to provide remote instruction for students every weekday between April 1, 2020 and April 14, 2020, even if the District is scheduled to be on spring break during that time. Failure to provide continued instruction and other identified services will result in a loss of state school aid.

The New York State Education Department confirmed that instruction should also be in effect on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, which normally would be a day off from school for the Good Friday religious holiday.

Clarence teachers will continue the continuity of instruction through April 14<sup>th</sup> and beyond should the Governor extend the dates for closing schools. Our teachers will be flexible with assignments and recognize that families may have commitments during what would have been the spring break period that make it difficult or impossible for students to complete schoolwork. As has always been the case during this emergency, students will be supported, opportunities for learning will be extended, and the expectation will be that students stay connected to learning and only do what they can.

The District will continue serving breakfast and lunch every weekday from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm during the time schools are closed at our central drive-through location at the high school. On April 9<sup>th</sup> we will provide double orders to cover the Good Friday holiday on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor has also postponed the statewide school budget vote and board of education election until at least June 1, 2020.

Our faculty and staff are committed to your children and they are going above and beyond to make remote instruction work. It is that level of commitment and dedication that sets Clarence apart. I am especially proud of our teachers, students and parents for working through the challenges.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.  
Superintendent