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Dear Elementary 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.

Last week, Governor Cuomo announced that New York on PAUSE will continue through Friday, May 15th and schools would remain closed through that date as well.

While we know that school will remain closed through May 15, we do not yet know what will happen after that date. The Governor has been making decisions in two-week increments and we anticipate that should he decide to re-open schools, we will have some lead time to adequately plan and inform parents.

The elementary schools have transitioned to remotely teaching new content with an emphasis on reading, writing and mathematics. Science and social studies content will also be integrated into instructional time. Special area classes continue to work on essential skills. Teachers are formatively assessing students and conducting regular checks for understanding.

Administrators and faculty have decided that narrative comments will be used for the third trimester report card in place of scores and grades.

We thank you for your patience and support as we continue working through the pandemic. Our faculty remains committed to keeping your children connected to school and doing the very best they can with remote instruction.

Please stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey M. Hicks".

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.
Superintendent