

March 14, 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

We continue to monitor all guidance from local, state and federal agencies. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in or associated with the North Warren Central School District. **However, out of an abundance of caution, we are joining all component districts in the WSWHE BOCES and closing school for students from March 16 through April 19, 2020. This is inclusive of all classes, sporting events/practices, extracurricular activities and all other school-related events.**

SCHOOL WILL REOPEN APRIL 20, 2020.

We recognize this is an inconvenience to our families; however, it is our hope that this closure will provide time to prevent any potential community spread of illness. The district has been and will remain in communication with local health department officials.

North Warren's Priorities:

1. The health and safety of our community.
2. Helping our community cope with the closure of the district by addressing basic needs such as providing free meals to families who need it.
3. Plans to encourage student learning for the duration of the closure.

Personal Belongings:

If your child has any personal belongings that they wish to retrieve from school such as clothing, etc., you may do so between the hours of 11:00am-5:30pm beginning Tuesday, March 17th.

Academic Planning:

Due to the concerted effort of our faculty and staff, we will be able to provide ample educational opportunities during this period of time, but it is important to note that there are practical limits to instructional program continuity.

Information will be forthcoming from the school and your child's/children's teachers regarding school work during this time. We certainly recognize that not all families have access to digital devices and/or high-speed internet access. School work will be available both digitally and in paper form to meet the needs of all of our students and families. Please be patient as our teachers and staff are working diligently to prepare materials for this unique situation.

Food Services

Our Administration will work with our Food Service Director and the staff to formulate a plan to provide food services to any student in the North Warren Central School.

We hope to have this up and going in a day or two and will get the information on how to access the meals via our website.

As Gov. Andrew Cuomo stated during his press conference on Friday, school superintendents have the ability to decide to close their school districts, and the superintendents of our region have made that determination.

The New York State Education Department continues to work with the governor's office, the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Department of Education to provide guidance to our schools around issues such as instructional time and test scheduling.

This situation is very fluid and could change as we continue to work with our local departments of health and New York State Department of Health.

The most current and accurate information about the coronavirus can be found at www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus.

Thank you for your continued patience and partnership, and we will provide you with more information as soon as we can. **Please continue checking the district website for the most accurate and updated information.** We appreciate your support, cooperation, patience and understanding.

Thank you,

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Superintendent of Schools