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To the NY Mills Union Free School District Community:

The Governor has directed that his NY Pause initiative continue through May 15th. That initiative includes school districts. I certainly recognize the stress that this uncertainty causes all of you. Instruction will continue through the NY Pause timeframe.

During this current health crisis, you may be considered an essential employee who is still required to work. Child care placement is available for any essential employees. If you believe that you may qualify, please call the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Child Care Resource Center at 315-223-7850 x 222.

Lunches, as well as the next day's breakfast, will continue to be served. The cafeteria will be open from 11:00-12:30. If you are unable to come to school to pick up a lunch, please call our Cafeteria Manager, Mary Ellen Peters at 315-768-3399 x 1761 and we will make sure that a lunch will be provided. Any child 18 years old or younger is allowed to take a bag lunch.

As I stated previously, while we adapt to "social distancing" please remember that it does not mean social isolation. Schools by their very nature are social places and this is hard for all of us. Please reach out to each other, check in and keep in touch with friends, family, and your teachers and counselors. We will get through this, as we do other challenges, together.

Again, thank you for all you are doing in support of our students, our families, and our district. As updates of our status become available, I will share them with all of you. Also, please check our webpage for any updates, as they will be posted there as well. Do not hesitate to call or email with any questions.

Please be safe, and whenever possible, stay at home and stay well!

Respectfully,

Joanne Shelmidine, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools