

# Minerva Central School

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## **Update: Extended School Closure**

Dear MCS Families,

I am writing to provide an update on the school's plan as we navigate the first few days of the extended school closure due to the COVID-19 virus.

### **Health and Safety**

We have been asked by the department of health to remind parents to reinforce effective social distancing practices with their children. During this period of closure, we are practicing effective social distancing practices when we have faculty and staff in the school building. Mrs. Frasier has posted a COVID-19 Cheat Sheet for parents on our website that contains general information parents may find helpful. We continue to ask that medical questions be directed to your family doctor/healthcare provider. During the closure, if you or one of your family members tests positive for COVID-19/Coronavirus, please call the school immediately.

### **Meals**

Starting Tuesday, March 17th meals will be available for all interested families. Meals can be picked up at the school cafeteria between 10:30 and 12:00 daily. Parents unable to pick up meals should request alternate arrangements by contacting Lynn Green. The school will provide two meals each day (lunch for the current day and breakfast for the next day). In order to help us better prepare, any family who is planning to take advantage of our meal program every day should notify Lynn Green.

### **Student Access to Personal Belongings and Educational Materials at School**

Parents may begin to pick up student belongings starting Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM – 4:00PM. Please note: we will not be allowing more than a few parents/students in the building at a time so there may be a wait involved.

### **Technology Survey**

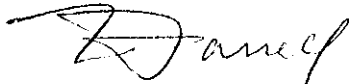
All parents must complete a very brief Technology Needs Survey that will help us support student learning during the period of extended school closure. The survey link will be available on our school website and facebook page.

**Academic planning – Home Instruction**

Starting Wednesday, March 18th all academic materials for Grades PK-12 students will be available for pickup between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM in the school atrium. This once per week Wednesday schedule will continue until further notice. Parents or students can drop off previous weeks' work and pick up the next week's work on this day.

Please stay tuned for updates by regularly checking the schools website and facebook pages. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy F. Farrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "F".

Timothy F. Farrell