

## **Questions/Answers for April 1 BOE Meeting**

### **Food Service**

How long will we continue to run the grab and go food service?

- Our food service program will continue through the student school closure period, or unless directed otherwise.

Will we continue to provide the same types of food?

- Our Food Service Department is going to attempt to mix in some hot items for lunch. However, we will need to assess how well this works for our students.

### **School Closure, Academics, Co-curricular Activities**

Are we returning to school? If, so when?

- As of right now, Governor Cuomo has ordered school closed for students through April 14. President Trump has issued a continuation of social distancing until April 30.

Will there be additional Continuity of Learning packets?

- Yes, packets will be available for pickup on Wednesday, April 8.

How are we continuing with special education services during this Continuity of Learning?

- Special Education teachers are maintaining contact and providing accommodations through distance learning. Separate packets with modified work were created where appropriate.

Is Continuity of Learning expected to continue over the April recess?

- Yes, Continuity of Learning should proceed through the April recess. Students should continue to work on packets, teachers should continue to communicate with students/families, and Counseling Department members should continue to provide support.

What if I am a student and am having trouble with some of my assigned work?

- First, contact your teacher who assigned the work, as they are best apt to help. Then, you can always contact your school counselor who may be able to provide additional support suggestions.

What will school look like at the high school, if we return this year?

- It really depends on how soon we return, and what expectations still exist with regard to Regents exams.

Will there be AP exams?

- Yes, students should contact their AP teachers for guidance.

Will there be Regent Exams?

- This answer is expected soon. Monday, April 6 is a Board of Regents meeting.

How will the State Board of Regents address learning gaps in multi-year curricula ie. Global? ELA and Mathematics at the HS level into the future?

- The Board of Regents has said they hope to provide guidance on Regents exam related questions by the end of this week. It is yet to be seen how much guidance they are prepared to give at this time.

What will we do with the marking periods?

- We would like to keep the 4 marking periods in place at the middle school and high school levels. Potentially, we would shorten the 3rd and 4th marking periods.

Will there be Field Trips?

- All trips through April are canceled. We will reassess May trips in the coming weeks. If there are timelines for canceling please contact your building principal.

Will there be spring concerts?

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Will there be spring sports?

- It is possible, however, I would not be surprised if we receive recommendations and guidance regarding large group activities and non-essential meetings/interactions/travel upon our return to school. Section VI is expected to make a decision by the end of April.

What about prom and graduation?

- Clearly these are important events culminating an entire school career. Therefore, we will delay as long as possible making decisions on these events.

Where do the seniors stand as far as scholarships and assistance with college entry?

- Many scholarship applications have already come due, but counselors are still communicating with students on scholarships. As far as the awarding of scholarships and our Senior Awards Night, we still have to wait on making any determinations.
- Many seniors have submitted their college applications already. Schools do have rolling admissions, and our counselors are always available to assist students with that process.

How are we handling scheduling for secondary students?

- Many students met with counselors prior to schools being closed for students. Counselors will continue to reach out to students to work on schedules for the 2020-2021 school year.

## **Board Elections and Budget Vote**

When will the School Board Elections and Budget Votes take place?

- The Governor determined that School Board Elections and Budget Votes will be delayed until at least June 1.

Will we have enough time to meet the deadlines and prepare for the School Board Elections and Budget Votes?

- Once a date or time frame is set for the School Board Elections and Budget Votes, then we will work to meet the expectations. Our notifications have been prepared and were already set to go to the papers. We will only need to make some modifications before sending.

Will the requirements for Board of Elections workers be reassessed?

- This is a question for the County Board of Elections. I am sure they are anxiously awaiting the upcoming changes.

## **2020-2021 Budget**

What is expected regarding the State education budget?

- The NYS Budget is due on April 1, however Governor Cuomo said not to expect an on-time budget this year. The Governor and other state officials have said that the Governor's initial Executive Budget is no longer realistic. There has been discussion about quarterly assessments of aid, with possible take backs in aid.

What is the worst case scenario for the NYS budget and how would that impact our Budget?

- The worst case scenario involves zero funding increase for the 2020-2021 Budget with additional, unknown, take backs during the course of the 2020-2021 school year. We are revising our Budget proposal based on using the same NYS revenues as provided in 2019-2020.