

# STAMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **STAMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 CLOSURE INFORMATION UPDATE: MARCH 19, 2020**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well. As the COVID-19 health concern continues to accelerate Stamford Central School is working to put systems in place to support our students. We are working hard to provide support to our students in an ever changing situation - it can feel at times that state and federal mandates, orders, and guidelines continue to change so quickly that we are not done completing the first iteration of a Governor Executive Order before it has already been changed.

Most of our staff are now working remotely, except for essential staff who are continuing to complete critical work on campus. We are following guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department Of Health (DOH), and the New York State Department of Education NYSED during this health concern. Our Governor continues to share his orders with us, and often times those orders present new and interesting problems to solve. We are all in this together and I know that we are all trying to “flatten the curve” of COVID-19.

Our incredible custodial staff continue to make sure our buildings are cleaned and disinfected, and our dedicated cafeteria staff and volunteers continue to prepare meals for our students. Daily our transportation department delivers those meals to student at their homes. After a Sunday emergency meeting with department heads we were able to devise a plan and provide over 200+ breakfasts and lunches to students at their homes 72 hrs. later. Stamford has so much to be proud of as a community.

Governor Cuomo has created a waiver for the 180-day school year due to his mandate to close schools from March 18 – March 31. However, the Delaware County Health Department executed an order of “State of Emergency” closing schools through April 13. Unfortunately, while we have no new guidance or state order yet, we anticipate that the state and county will align their closing dates.

With the required closing our Principal, Ms. Davis, is working with our “Rock Star” faculty on how we can move forward with providing remote learning opportunities. You will be hearing more about the continuity of learning plan over the coming weeks.

We are highly fortunate that our students have access to robust technology (iPads and laptops) which they currently use at school, and are now available to be used at home. Teachers have a wealth of access to digital tools and resources that are aligned to NYS Standards to assist in

learning at home. We would not be where we are technologically without the help of our IT department – they have really been running the past two weeks to quickly get our needed systems in place for remote instruction. We are grateful for all of their work.

As we continue to put systems in place for remote learning, at the current time, **what we need most is an email address from parents and also information about home internet access capacity**. We will be sending out further information about these needs which will assist us in instruction and communication.

District communication while schools are closed statewide will come to you through the district website, Facebook, robocalls, and twitter (and in the future email). **We want to keep you involved and informed.** There will be important information to share with you as the situation develops. Please remember to look for regular updates on our website.

I know the Stamford Board of Education is committed to providing students continued educational access during this health concern. With that said, we also know that the coronavirus outbreak may possibly cause stress in people's lives. The CDC has provided excellent resources to mitigate stress during the coronavirus outbreak on their website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html>.

Due to the ever-changing nature of the situation surrounding COVID-19, I hope you will continue to visit the district website, Facebook, or Twitter to stay informed. We miss our students and seeing you, but look forward to continued communication and collaboration to assist your children and our students in learning.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. We are very proud of our students, and with parents as partners, I know we can continue to assist our students in meeting their goals. Stamford is a wonderful community and we have a lot to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

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