



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools

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John McNamara
Superintendent

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Dear Wantagh Community,

Today, Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, announced a mandatory two week closing for all Nassau County Schools, as part of continued efforts to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). All schools in the Wantagh School District will be closed through Friday, March 27, 2020 as a result. We have been preparing for a potential long-term closing for the past several weeks. Some of those preparations include:

School Meal Program

As we announced yesterday, school meals will continue to be available for students. On each regularly scheduled school day that we are closed, the district will have breakfast and lunch available to any student that needs it for pick-up. This will take place between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM at Wantagh Elementary School and will begin on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Distance Learning

We will be sending out furthering messaging about distance learning opportunities for students at the beginning of the week. We do have plans to make assignments available to our students through Google Classroom. Please expect a much more detailed communication regarding this topic in the coming days.

Facilities

Our schools have been disinfected and we worked with a private vendor over the weekend to do further disinfecting as well. Please note that all facilities will remain closed and inaccessible during this extended closure. Only operations critical staff will have access to our schools while we are closed.

It is important that we continue to support one another in our community during this challenging time. Such uncertainty has caused anxiety for everyone. Please encourage each other to take all the precautions necessary to stay healthy and take social distancing seriously. I know that the Wantagh Community will continue to remain strong and rally behind one another to protect and support all community members. We will all get through this together.

Sincerely,

John C. McNamara
Superintendent of Schools