



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools

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John McNamara
Superintendent

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Dear Wantagh Community,

Last night, Governor Cuomo extended school closures for all New York State schools through **April 1, 2020**. The decision to re-open schools will be evaluated over the next two weeks based on the ever-evolving situation with the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). All schools in our district will remain closed during this time.

We will begin initial remote learning opportunities for students on Thursday, March 19, 2020. All teachers will be posting five days' worth of assignments in Google Classroom for your child to access. These assignments will be available for our students to work on independently over the next week at home. Then, beginning on Monday, March 30, 2020, teachers will begin to regularly update Google Classroom with daily assignments for your child and at that time become available to answer questions about those assignments via email.

If you have trouble accessing your child's Google Classroom, please email parentportal@wantaghschools.org. Responses to this email address will be in real time between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM from Monday through Friday starting on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

All students in grades 6-12 currently have an assigned Chromebook. If any of our K-5 families do not have access to a device at home, please complete [this survey](#) by Friday, March 20, 2020 at 5:00 PM, so we can arrange for the distribution of a device to you. Please note that we have a limited supply of devices for distribution at this time, and they will be limited to one per family on an as needed basis.

We are continuing to promote healthy social distancing to protect the members of our community during this closure period. It is going to be challenging for us all to limit our social contact and can be especially difficult for our children of all ages to understand how important it is to maintain social distancing. I will continue to update you as we work through this challenging situation.

As always, we will all get through this together.

Sincerely,

John C. McNamara

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