April 17, 2020

Good afternoon,

The Governor announced yesterday the school closure is being continued until Friday, May 15. We are hopeful to return to school on Monday, May 18. While this announcement is disappointing as we all want to return to a typical school schedule, it does not come as a surprise. It remains ever important that we continue to exercise social distancing as well as other mitigation practices to keep everyone safe.

Teachers have been preparing materials for students throughout this week. We will deliver that work to you on Monday with our food delivery. Teachers are still working each day and they look forward to hearing from you if you need additional support; we have all become adept with Google Meets to interact directly with you.

We are all working differently and OCM BOCES has provided several resources for families that may be useful to you.

Parent/Caregiver Page
https://sites.google.com/view/ocmboces/parents-and-caregivers?authuser=0

Responding to our New Normal: A Resource Guide for Educators and Parents Facing Social Distancing and Remote Learning
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MkJ-30aKktc6pr29zw2tLDzSBH58kWag/view

Responding to our New Normal: A Resource Guide for Educators and Parents Facing Social Distancing and Remote Learning-Companion Document for Prevention Resources
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cb4VuUqTApVXExUEndnU5wvserWmATULjh_qNJEzbwE/edit?usp=sharing

Report cards will be mailed on Friday, April 24, 2020 for all students. A letter will accompany each report card highlighting how we have adjusted our grading practices for marking period 3.
As the Governor has extended his stay at home order, it is looking more like the Junior/Senior Prom scheduled for May 15, at Magro's banquet hall will be unrealistic. Please know that Mrs. Miller, Mr. Phetteplace, Mr. Kaltenbach and I will be working diligently to find a later date and an alternative for our students to enjoy a prom. When more information becomes available, we will be in touch with students and families.

We welcome Kim Symons, who officially joined us today as our new elementary principal and UPK - 12 Curriculum Coordinator. Mrs. Symons is a 1996 graduate of Cincy and we are thrilled to have her join our team. She will be sending a letter to families introducing herself as well.

I was fortunate to be able to speak with several students this week and it was definitely the professional highlight for me as we continue this model of delivering school to our students. I became a teacher because I crave learning and kids. Right now we are focusing on systems and processes and I recognize they are important, but I miss the social interaction that public education provides us all. I look forward to the first day that we can all be together at school.

If there is anything you may need, please let us know via email or calling 863-3200.

Thank you and be well.

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