March 31, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We have been working around the clock since last Friday when Governor Cuomo announced the extension of our school closure through April 15, 2020 to better understand and clarify what that means for our students and our scheduled April Break.

The Governor and the New York State Education Department has mandated that school districts are expected to provide continuity of learning and distribution of meals during the closure through April 15, 2020, including during what was previously designated as our Board of Education approved April Break (April 6, 2020 to April 13, 2020) as outlined in the 2019-2020 school calendar.

Therefore, our staff will continue to provide and support students with remote instruction during our scheduled "April Break" given this new guidance -- Students and staff will continue with instruction. I am confident that these learning activities will be valuable and allow us to continue efforts to provide for a continuity of learning for your child until we are able to come back to school. We will not be asking students to work on Good Friday, April 10.

While this change may not be popular for students who were hoping to take advantage of a scheduled break from learning, Governor Cuomo and his medical team believes consistency for our school children with regard to instruction and food is a priority and should continue unabated.

We know everyone has been working diligently for the continued care of our students. We also know that you may be dealing with collective anxiety and fear and, in most cases, were looking forward to some uninterrupted time together, even if unable to get away due to the state of emergency.

We will be utilizing our food delivery system on Thursday and Friday to deliver next week’s schoolwork. Although our goal is to deliver as much of the instruction as possible through digital formats, it is most helpful if you have the container near the end of the driveway clean and dry so instructional materials that are in paper format are not damaged. As we are stopping at every house to
deliver schoolwork, now is a great time to sign up for the meals if you have not already. At this point, we are delivering to about 95% of our students and our goal is 100%. Send an email to mhummel@cc.cnyric.org to request that food delivery.

For those of you that require tech support, it’s quick and easy to reach out. Send an email to any one of the four-member student crew and they will schedule a google meets conversation with you through your school Gmail. Here are your tech team members:

1. Andrew Cihocki <acihocki@cc.cnyric.org>
2. Joshua Smith <jsmith1@cc.cnyric.org>
3. Jacob Supley <jsupley@gmail.com>
4. Kooper Vosburg <kvosburl@cc.cnyric.org>

Understanding that this situation is not ideal, it is imperative that we all do the best we can to maintain learning and engagement however we are able. In our house, reading, backgammon, pitch, and movies have been our “go to” activities.

I can’t wait to see you and your children.

Be well,

Todd M. Freeman