

Greene Central School

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Greene Central School Community,

This morning, Governor Cuomo announced that schools would be closed “for the remainder of this academic school year.” Our teachers will continue to provide remote instruction, with an official ending date to be announced in the near future. In addition, the Governor mentioned a “summer school decision will be made by the end of May.” For G.C.S. this would include the regional summer school for high school students who may need course credit, and any summer enrichment programs. As per state and local guidance, we are working on options for year-end celebrations, and graduation; and we are developing reopening plans for the time when students are able to return to school. *In the fall, it is our intention that the vast majority of our students will move to the next grade level, with very few exceptions. When we return to school, we will look at opportunities for additional curriculum review.* I realize this is an extremely emotional time and a great disappointment to many of us who wanted to end the school year together, but we will be here to support our community during this difficult time. We are G.C.S. Strong!

We will be mailing home the end of the year grading procedures for all students at the beginning of next week. These procedures are meant to reduce stress for students, parents and teachers. The district realizes the incredibly challenging circumstances that have been created by the COVID-19 crisis that has devastated our nation, state, and our local community. The suddenness of this pandemic has seemingly turned life upside down, which has left us all grasping for normalcy once again. To that end, the mission became to create a grading system that is steeped in equity and befitting of the times. The grading procedure is engrained with qualities that recognize and account for the possible hardships students have faced since the closure of schools.

Here are additional updates:

MEALS

New information:

- We continue to encourage families who have not yet requested meals to please do so. 656-4161

Ongoing information:

- We are providing a week’s worth of meals (breakfast and lunch) each Monday either by delivery or pickup.
- In order to reduce exposure, the "grab and go" will be available on Mondays only, at the high school entrance from 11:00 – 12:30

EDUCATION

New information:

- The end of the year grading procedures will be distributed early next week.

- The New York State Education Department has announced the NYS August Regents exams have been canceled for this year.

Ongoing information:

- As per NYS guidance, we will continue to hold CSE/CPSE meetings and provide teletherapy to students in alignment with their IEPs/504s.
- The June Regents exams have been canceled for this year. Please visit the New York State Education Department's website for additional information. www.nysed.gov
- We continue to update information on our web page www.greenecsd.org

COMMUNICATION

New information:

- The NYS 2020 Spring State Championship events have been canceled.
- All year-end school trips and activities have been canceled.

Ongoing information:

- The district is issuing employment certificates/working papers to qualified students during the school closure. Please email or call the high school office at 656-4161 extension 219 to set up an appointment.
- We continue to recognize our graduating seniors on social media. If you are a senior and have not yet submitted your photographs, please do so as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS

- Does your child need Wifi access? You are welcome to use the high school parking lot to access the district's Wifi service. Please park on the south end of the campus between the chain link fence and door # 5. (Bus loading/unloading area.)
- Do you need support during this crisis?
 - Chenango County Public Health <https://www.co.chenango.ny.us/public-health/nursing/virus.php>
 - New York State Department of Health Covid-19 <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>
 - New York State Department of Education <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus>
 - Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
 - Chenango County Department of Social Services at 607-337-1500
 - NYS mental health resource at www.Headspace.com/NY
 - Governor Cuomo has enacted a COVID-19 Helpline for those struggling with the emotional impact of the current crisis. Please call 1-844-863-9314, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

Sincerely,



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