

March 31, 2020

Dear North Syracuse Central School District Families:

As we continue to work through guidance we continually receive regarding COVID-19 and its impact, I would like to update you on the latest information that we have received.

On Friday, March 27, 2020 Governor Cuomo, advised that *school districts are expected to provide continuity of learning* (i.e., continued instruction) 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*.

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

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 want you and you children to find a balance with the academics and their social emotional health. It is important that we take time for family during this critical time. Thank you for working with us during this crisis.

Sincerely,

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Daniel D. Bowles Superintendent of Schools