

May 3, 2020

Dear Wantagh Community,

This week Governor Cuomo announced that all schools in New York State will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year as a result of the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). I know this news comes with great disappointment for the entire school community. We are all eager to get back to a sense of normalcy and the reopening of our schools plays such a critical role in that process.

For the remaining two months of the school year, we will continue our remote learning program. You can find additional information on remote learning on our district's website and your child's teachers will communicate directly to you. We will also continue to provide meal service for students until the end of the school year. Meals are available at Wantagh Elementary School each day between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. In addition, we have partnered with SCOPE to provide child care for essential workers. Child care is available between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM each weekday at Wantagh Elementary School. Registration information is available on the district's website.

We are in the process of making arrangements for the return of students' personal belongings that they may have left in their classrooms or lockers. Building principals will be in communication with you regarding specific building plans in the coming days.

Our district is currently planning for a safe reopening in September. We will continue to work closely with state and local officials and follow the guidance that is being provided to ensure a reopening will be done in the safest way possible for our students, staff and community. I will continue to provide you with updates as we move ahead to get through this challenging time. We will get through this together. Stay safe!

Regards,

John C. McNamara

Superintendent of Schools