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Oneonta City School District COVID-19 Closure Information

Dear Parents/Guardians and the Oneonta Community,

Certainly an interesting seventy-two hours or so, but due to the ever-changing nature of the situation surrounding COVID-19, I have a very important update to share with you relative to a school closure extension. At this time, there are still zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Otsego County.

Under a 30-day State of Emergency Order issued at 10:54 a.m. on March 15th by David Bliss, Otsego County Board Chairman, the Oneonta City School District will now extend its 14-day closure through Monday, April 13th in order to be in alignment with Otsego County's State of Emergency Order. This order to lengthen our school closure through April 13th is fully supported by the Otsego County Department of Health. As such, classes will resume on Tuesday, April 14th. This decision to extend this closure was made unanimously by the superintendents of all Otsego County school districts in the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES.

Canceling classes through April 13th will result in the loss of our remaining emergency closing (snow) day. We are trying to determine how the closure will impact the school calendar for the remainder of the academic year. We will share more information as soon as it is available.

In addition, the Spring athletic season is on hold until we receive guidance from Section IV. Our coaches cannot hold practice, but can ask them to strengthen their fitness levels to be ready for the season to start upon our return. Students should continue exercising social distancing and limiting their interaction with large groups.

I wish you all great health now and always. PLEASE continue to visit our district website and click on the yellow banner for any future updates.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Brindley