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Tom Brindley
Superintendent

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Dear Oneonta City School District Students, Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community,

As a follow up to my March 27th update, I want to share an important change to our Spring Break. In my last update, I had shared that we plan to honor our regularly scheduled Spring Break and not provide instruction during this period. The Governor's initial Executive Order pertaining to the COVID - 19 emergency closure left open to interpretation what should happen relative to districts with Spring Breaks scheduled during this crisis.

As in many other districts, our attorneys, based on the information they had at the time, advised that we could proceed with our scheduled April break. As such, I shared that determination with you all. Then, this past Saturday, during the New York State School Boards Association webinar, the State clearly directed that any school with an upcoming break or vacation, would need to provide all continuity of learning services through those breaks during this emergency closure period or else face the loss of the protections afforded it by the 180 day calendar waiver and its associated State aid.

As such, we will be continuing to provide instruction throughout our scheduled break period of April 6th - 13th. Please also know that meals will continue to be distributed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the break and continuing all throughout this period of closure.

We also learned on Saturday, that the State should be releasing a determination on the June Regents Exams at some point over the next 10 days. I will share that information once it becomes available.

For now, as COVID-19 cases continue to be identified in our region, please be well and I thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely...Tom B