

**Oneonta City School District**

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**Tom Brindley**  
*Superintendent*

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Dear Yellowjacket Families:

I hope this message finds you well. I know many of you may have questions regarding your child/children's education and the school closure. In spite of the uncertainty that surrounds this situation, our mission as your school district remains the same. We are striving to provide our students with meaningful instruction some of which introduces new content but much of which is designed to maintain skills and knowledge base. This instruction is coming in a variety of formats as we transition to approaches that rely primarily on technology.

As of right now, we remain closed through April 13<sup>th</sup>. This could very well change as this situation unfolds. Either way, we are going to do our very best to try and keep our students as engaged as they can be under these circumstance. With regard to athletics, grades, academic standing, etc., I await guidance from the New York State Education Department and will provide any such information as it becomes available. I recognize that these unanswered questions are a source of concern and frustration for all involved, including me. I do know that the State is wading through all of this, doing their best to problem-solve and get information to us as efficiently as possible.

***Important Reminders and Updates:***

- Building Principals will be sending out more building specific information soon
- All Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings scheduled from this date on are cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- Meals for all students are being provided at the easy-up tents in front of; Greater Plains School, Riverside School, Valleyview School, and the Middle School from 11:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are also food distribution buses that are parked in the Lantern Hill and Mountainview Mobile Home Park neighborhoods, 124 Oneida Street area, Fairview Street Apartment area and Silliman Cove neighborhood near Goodyear Lake.

Our entire faculty and staff have been so very wonderful during this situation. I have always known as a co-worker, but also as a parent of three kids who have gone through and graduated from this school district, that we are fortunate to have who we have working with our students in our schools. But, we are also extremely fortunate because we have great students, families, and a community like this.

Please look for information from our principals and don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions. You can always call my office at 607-433-8200 X1301. If I don't answer please leave a message and, I will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also reach me on my cell phone: 607-267-6441, or email me at: [tbrindley@oneontacsd.org](mailto:tbrindley@oneontacsd.org).

We will get through this but in the meantime please all take care.

Sincerely...Tom Brindley