

March 28, 2020

Dear Haldane Community Members:

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo extended school closures in New York State until April 15.

We are continuing to work with our teachers to shift from what was re-teaching and review to the introduction of new material, beginning on April 1.

Please note that the school district calendar has not been changed, so our district will observe its spring recess April 6-April 13. This will remain a time for our faculty and staff to focus on their families and for you to, as well. Therefore we will not be sending assignments through this period. We will continue our breakfast and lunch program through the spring recess.

We had 100 community members participate in a COVID-19 community forum with me on Thursday. Attached to this email is a summary of the Questions and Answers that were posed during that forum. The Q&A document, as well as the recording from the webinar are both posted on the district website under the "COVID-19" tab. We have expanded our licensure to account for more meeting participants in the future. I plan to host another forum later next week.

Please also find attached a message from Philipstown Supervisor, Mr. Richard Shea. I would like to thank Mr. Shea for being such a good partner through this crisis. Please know that our community leaders are all working together to keep Philipstown safe.

I have also been in contact with Eliza Starbuck, President of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce. While many of our businesses have closed their storefronts, there are other ways to support their establishments. Please visit the Chamber's website to see which local businesses remain open and how you can continue to provide your support.

I wish you and your families continued good health.

Sincerely,  
Phil Benante, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Haldane Central School District