

New Hartford Central School District
33 Oxford Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

March 15, 2020

Dear New Hartford School Community:

As you have heard by now, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente has declared a state of emergency and schools have been closed through April 13, 2020. Our administrative team is working to ensure that our district can fulfill as much of its normal responsibilities as possible during this unprecedented time. Meanwhile, we continue to conduct a thorough cleaning and disinfection of our facilities. We are also working closely with state and federal agencies to receive proper and informed guidance as we move forward.

While this letter hopes to clarify some of the immediate questions our families may have, please email us at covid@nhart.org with additional questions or concerns. We assure you that we will do our best to answer those questions in future school district communications or personally.

In the meantime, please read the following important school-related updates:

- Our *Instructional Continuity Plan* will assist the District to move forward with the implementation of our educational goals. We will ensure all students have opportunities to engage in a combination of meaningful paper-based and web-based learning experiences.
- If you need to pick up any of your child's belongings, please contact your child's school on Tuesday March 17, 2020 to make arrangements. We will attempt to accommodate each of you in an orderly fashion.
- School nurses will be reaching out to families whose children have securely stored medications at their offices. If you have not heard from your school nurse by noon Tuesday, March 17, 2020, please contact the nurse of the school where your child attends to arrange pick up of any medications you may need.
- Beginning on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, we will provide free grab-and-go lunches for all students. Lunches will be available at designated pick up points at Myles Elementary School and New Hartford Senior High School each week day from 11:00 a.m. until noon. There is no pre-ordering necessary unless special dietary accommodations are needed. For special dietary accommodations or other needs, please pre-order by 9:00 a.m. each day by calling 315-738-9321.
- The official start of spring sports is April 14, 2020, as announced by Section III. Please read their [full statement](#).

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With the rapidly changing developments, the District will communicate information including new updates along with frequently asked questions on our school website. If you think you have symptoms or are at risk of contracting the coronavirus, please see [this information](#).

In closing, I know the collective power of our caring community, and we will work collaboratively in the best interests of the students we serve. Thank you for your patience and understanding. I wish you and your loved ones safety and health during this time.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Nole

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Superintendent of Schools