

## HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

Fino M. Celano, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools fcelano@herricks.org

March 27, 2020

Dear Members of the Herricks School Community,

As you may know, Governor Cuomo announced an Executive Order today to extend school closures throughout the state through April 15. The governor will then reassess whether the school closures will extend beyond that date. We will follow our school district calendar, which includes a spring break for students from Wednesday, April 8 through Friday, April 17. Faculty members will be engaged in an on-line professional development day on April 8. Our dedicated teachers continue to work hard in developing and refining remote learning techniques, which includes instruction of new material as we move forward with this new endeavor. We appreciate everyone's efforts and patience as we continue to refine and enhance these plans. Ms. Guercin, our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, will be sending you an update in the near future. Our school administrators, guidance counselors and mental health professionals are also available to provide our students with support. We are here for you; please reach out to your child's teacher or any other school professional if you need any assistance during this challenging time.

The Herricks School District is proud to support our community by offering child care services for first responders and critical health care professionals through SCOPE. We also continue to offer a "grab and go" lunch service during our school closure. More information about these critical services are available on the homepage of the district website.

Please continue to practice the important social distancing protocols that our medical leaders and government officials have instituted. Doing so will help keep our community safe and slow the spread of the Coronavirus. We will keep you informed of all new developments as they become available. Thank you.

Regards,

Fino M. Celano, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools