

HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Members of the Herricks School Community,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. As you may be aware, on Thursday, Governor Cuomo announced that New York on PAUSE will continue through Friday, May 15 and schools will remain closed through that date as well. As he has done in the past, Governor Cuomo will make a decision about possible closure extensions as we get closer to that date. We will continue our remote learning, offer free "grab and go" meals for Herricks families and childcare for medical professionals and first responders in our community during this period of time. We deeply appreciate everyone's cooperation and efforts during this challenging time. In addition, we learned yesterday that Nassau County Section VIII has decided to cancel the spring sports season for our high school and middle school athletes. While this is regrettable, this difficult decision was made out of an abundance of caution for the health of our students. Know that our administrators, teachers and mental health professionals continue to be available to you and your family. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

During this time of necessary social distancing, it is gratifying to know that our Herricks community remains as close and supportive as ever. There are many touching and heroic stories of members of our community, including parents, teachers, staff members and students, helping and caring for one another during this time of need. I am confident that we will remain strong, learn and grow from this experience, and emerge from the pandemic better than ever. Know that you remain in my thoughts on a daily basis. We will continue to keep you apprised of any new developments. Thank you.

Regards,

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