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Dear Members of the Herricks School Community,

In an effort to keep you informed, I list below two important updates that we received yesterday. Governor Cuomo announced that all schools in New York will remain closed until April 29. As the governor has done in the past, he will make a decision about possible closure extensions as we get closer to that date. In addition, NYS Board of Regents Chancellor Dr. Betty A. Rosa announced that Regents examinations scheduled for June 2020 have been cancelled. Today, we received guidance from the State Education Department, and will share implications of this decision with all impacted students after we have conducted a full analysis. Like Herricks, SED has been making decisions that are in the best interest of students during this challenging time.

Finally, I remind you that tomorrow, April 8 will be a professional development day for our teachers, and as such, remote learning will not be scheduled on this day. Forms of OPTIONAL remote learning may be offered on Thursday and Friday. In most cases, from a menu of options. As I stated in my last update, we will be sensitive to the needs of students and faculty who celebrate religious holidays during this time period. All students who are observing religious holidays during this period will be excused from participation, and there will be no repercussions for any student who cannot participate or complete assignments because of a religious observance.

I know that there have been many challenging, tragic and heartbreaking situations that our Herricks families have been facing over the past several weeks. Know that we are here to share your burden. Feel free to reach out to any one of us if you ever need any assistance. Thank you.

Regards,

**Fino M. Celano, Ed. D.**  
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