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## Important School Closure Update from the Superintendent of Schools

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March 31, 2020

Dear Irvington School Community,

As some of you may have already learned by following Governor Cuomo's press conferences or through the media, the Governor's recent executive order will have great impacts on all schools that have Spring Break scheduled within the next two weeks. Specifically, Executive Order 202.11 requires school districts to *"continue plans for alternative instructional options, distribution and availability of meals, and childcare, with an emphasis on serving children of essential workers."*

So what does this mean?

Contrary to the announcement that I made on Friday, March 27, 2020; wherein, I communicated that the District would be closed April 6th through April 13th, the District will continue with it's distance learning plan rather than have Spring Break. During this period of time, teachers will continue to guide distance learning consistent with the practices that families and students are becoming used to. What further complicates the instructional plan for next week is the fact that there are a number of religious holidays that many of our staff members will be observing, specifically Passover and Good Friday. As a result, I am advising the school community that there may be limitations on teacher availability on given days.

As we look to the days and weeks ahead, and recognize the likelihood of ongoing closures, I hope that we can remain grateful for the good fortune that we all have in our lives. Together, as a community we will navigate these challenges and support one another. If you are ever in the need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to a school staff member, principal, our Social Worker, Gina Menendez ([Gina.Menendez@IrvingtonSchools.org](mailto:Gina.Menendez@IrvingtonSchools.org)) or me. We are dedicated to doing everything possible to support you through any challenges you may face. Finally, we do have numerous community members fighting COVID-19 and many of us have friends and family members facing the difficult illness. I ask that you keep those dealing with COVID-19 in your thoughts.

In the coming days, please remember to share your Irvington Spirit at [IrvingtonSpirit@IrvingtonSchools.org](mailto:IrvingtonSpirit@IrvingtonSchools.org), follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/irvingtonufsd/> and join me for my next Facebook Live broadcast Friday, April 3rd at 12:00 pm at <https://www.facebook.com/IrvingtonUFSD/>.

I thank you for your continued support and remain honored to be your partner during these difficult times.

Every student, every day,

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