



Extended School Closure and Additional Parent & Student Resources

April 6, 2020

Dear Irvington School Community,

I hope this message finds you well, having enjoyed the lovely weather over the weekend. Over the last few weeks, the challenges facing all of us have required us to dig deep in ourselves and find strength that we may not have ever had to use before. We have had to endure new challenges, do things differently for our own health and for the greater good and to place our trust in medical experts and elected leaders to guide us through these uncertain times. In doing so, we are building character and skills that will foster greater strength and a deeper level of compassion that will serve us all well in the future.

We will need to continue to draw on our strength and continue to demonstrate our collective perseverance as **Governor Cuomo just announced that he has extended the state-wide school closure through April 28th.** During this time, distance learning will continue.

While we are all indoors and unable to interact with those outside our homes, there still are many things we can do to support our emotional wellness, enrich our minds and have enjoyable times with our families. The IHS Guidance Department has assembled many creative and enriching resources and activities. [Please click here to read their recent newsletter](#) that is rich with ideas for all ages.

I want to thank IUFSD Assistant Superintendent Mary Ellis for spearheading the development of a new tool for the parent community, [A Parent's Guide to Distance Learning](#). The goal of creating these resources is to support our parent partners in navigating this period of distance learning. Please know that we do not believe these resources to be all inclusive, but we do think they will be helpful to many parents. The District will continue to update this guide in the coming weeks as our program continues to evolve.

To help the school community remain connected with all that is happening, I am looking forward to hosting another Facebook Live update at 8:00 am, Wednesday, April 8th. To join this live video update, please visit the District's Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/IrvingtonUFSD/.

Finally, to those celebrating holidays this week, I hope you are able to enjoy and find ways to virtually connect with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

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