



Extended School Closure Update

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Dear Irvington School Community,

As you have likely heard, today Governor Cuomo announced that schools in New York will be closed for the remainder of the school year. Therefore, the Irvington schools will continue to provide distance learning through the final days of the 2019-20 school year.

As a result of this announcement, the District will advance its planning in a number of important areas including how we will conclude the school year and honor our students who are moving up or graduating and to actively begin to plan for school to reopen in the fall. Additionally, considering the extension of the current closure, the District will also identify opportunities for students to collect personal items from their respective schools. As always, I will continue to provide community-wide updates as information becomes available.

Over the past seven weeks, I have continued to reflect on how challenging these times have been for us all. I am truly heartbroken that we will not be welcoming our students back to our buildings to complete this school year. However, I am glad that a final decision has been made by the Governor, so that our community will be able to develop concrete plans for the balance of the year. We will continue to come together to ensure that we are providing our students with the best possible learning experiences and to support all of the needs that are present in our community. As it has been said, "it takes a village." Well, this Village will continue to rise to the challenges that surround us and we will get through this together. Then, come September we will celebrate not only the reopening of the schools but how fortunate we are to be a part of this amazing community.

Continue to be well and have a pleasant weekend.

My best wishes,

Kris

Dr. Kristopher Harrison
Superintendent of Schools

