



March 13, 2020

Dear Horseheads Central School District Parents/Guardians:

At this time, due to the ever-changing situation surrounding the global COVID-19 health pandemic, the district will postpone and/or cancel events through the end of Spring Recess. The district will extend this process beyond Spring Recess if necessary.

Please note: Governor Cuomo has directed districts that have a confirmed case of COVID-19 to close the school for at least 24 hours for cleaning/disinfecting and investigation by the county health department. As of this time, there are still no confirmed cases in the district or region. You may have heard the governor say today that it is a local decision to close schools. While we have not received any official guidance on this statement, we will look to health and state education officials to lead us in any decision. As of now, our schools remain open. Please be assured that the district is continuing to plan for any potential outcome regarding this situation.

The following is a list of events from March 13, 2020 to the end of spring recess. We will try to reschedule events, but we may have to cancel some of them due to the limits of our school calendar and any future direction regarding the situation.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Scheduled Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Center Street Swim Night	March 13	Postponed
Gardner Road Talent Show	March 13	Live Streamed
Ridge Road Grade 4 Musical (Second Night)	March 13	Canceled
High School Movie Night	March 13	Postponed
High School Springcoming Dance	March 14	Postponed
Middle School Grade 6 Parent Orientation	March 16	Postponed
Swim Team Banquet	March 16	Postponed
High School Quebec Trip Meeting	March 18	Canceled
Boys Lacrosse Team Parent Meeting	March 18	Postponed
Staff Wellness Fair	March 20	Canceled
Gardner Road PTO Movie Night	March 20	Postponed
Intermediate School Open House for Gr 4 Families	March 23	Postponed
Girls Lacrosse Team Parent Meeting	March 24	Postponed
Wrestling Team Banquet	March 24	Postponed
Cheerleading Team Banquet	March 25	Postponed
High School AP Information Night	March 26	Postponed
Center Street Spring Carnival	March 27	Postponed
Middle School Dance/Open Gym	March 27	Postponed
Center Street Blood Drive	March 31	Postponed
Swim Lessons	Saturdays	Postponed

Student Team Meetings:

Required student team meetings including CSE/CPSE, 504, CIM, CPS, CIS and other team meetings will continue.

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Pre-Kindergarten Registration:

As of today, the remaining sessions for Pre-Kindergarten Registration on March 24 and 25 will continue as scheduled.

Concerts:

We are formulating a plan to provide video links for our four concerts in March. We will share further information as soon as possible.

Athletics:

Athletic practices will continue at this time; however, scrimmages and trips outside the district are currently on hold pending advice from the Section and the state.

Practices and open gyms for sports outside of the season are cancelled until further notice.

Visitors to our Schools:

For the time being, we must cancel visitors to schools. This includes lunch visits, classroom volunteers, guest readers, career presentations, and any other visitor to a school. Parent visits to our main and nurses office are permissible.

Superintendent's Conference Day:

Our staff will be in conference day activities Friday, March 20. There will be no school for students that day.

KidsWorld:

KidsWorld will continue, both before school and after school.

Use of School Facilities by Outside Groups:

There will be no use of our facilities before and after school hours for outside groups through spring recess.

College Students and Visits:

Visits by college representatives to the High School are postponed indefinitely. College student observations and internships with teachers/therapists are postponed indefinitely. New student teacher placements are on hold. Current student teachers are completing their assignments today.

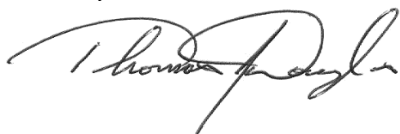
We understand that cancelling and postponing activities will be disappointing, especially given the work that has been put in to planning them. We appreciate your support and understanding as we work together to protect the health and safety of our students and staff.

Please go to this link for a video with information on this topic: <https://youtu.be/I4vSfKOtIuc>.

We will update you as new information becomes available. We have created a web page with general information, as well as links to previous correspondence and the websites of trusted resources. You can find the information at this link: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/covid-19info.cfm>.

Thank you for your care and concern.

Sincerely



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Superintendent of Schools