

March 14, 2020

Dear Horseheads Central School District Community:

Under advisement of the New York State Department of Health and by order of Chemung County Executive Chris Moss regarding the closing of Chemung County schools for prevention efforts against COVID-19, **the Horseheads Central School District will be closed for students beginning Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, April 13.**

Schools will open as usual Monday, March 16 in order for students and staff to prepare for this extended dismissal. Students will be dismissed at the end of the school day March 16 until schools reopen.

The district is finalizing plans to offer to-go meals for eligible students as allowed by state. More information on that plan will be out in the next day or so. We will also follow up with information for staff and for parents regarding educational programming and other important items regarding this extended dismissal.

If at the end of spring recess, the situation is deemed clear by health officials, Monday, April 13 will be a Superintendent's Conference Day for staff, and students will report Tuesday, April 14. We will keep parents and staff informed via the district's regular communication channels.

The health and safety of our students and our community are our top priorities. We thank you for your care and concern of our community's children. We encourage everyone to take precautions during this time by reducing travel, maintaining social distance, and practicing good hand hygiene.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas  
Superintendent of Schools