



April 6, 2020

To the Byram Hills School Community,

I hope that your family is doing well and that everyone is healthy.

Today, Governor Cuomo announced that the school closure period has been extended to April 29, 2020. As a parent and educator, I am empathetic to your concerns about how this world crisis is affecting your children. I hope for the day when I can shout, "Welcome Back!" but I know that is not a realistic expectation right now. In the meantime, know that we work every day to create a better sense of community for your children. Your teachers and principals appreciate your feedback about your child's needs and how we can meet those needs.

Spring recess has turned into e-learning week #3 as we strive for continuity of instruction and increased student/teacher contact. I invite you to click on the video below from Dr. Tim Kaltenecker, who explains the District's transition to e-learning and what parents can expect to see in the coming days. Dr. Kaltenecker describes research on blended learning and how the District has prepared for that instruction. This is only the first Q&A video, with future videos focused on specific buildings and departments. Our teachers and administrators are passionate about our e-learning trajectory and your child's education.

In observance of religious holidays from Wednesday evening, April 8th through Friday, April 10th, teachers will be providing independent learning opportunities and will be available by email. The District respects that independent work and communication will be adjusted on those days depending upon the religious observances in each household.

My best to you and your family throughout the holidays.

Jen Lamia, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

