



# BYRAM HILLS

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To the Byram Hills School Community,

Our community likely expected that Governor Cuomo would close our school doors for the remainder of the school year, which he did this afternoon in his update to the public. We all agree that safety is the greatest priority. Nonetheless, we are also saddened to hear the final decision that children and staff will not return to school. Our children are missing milestones in their young lives and it hurts us all when we recognize how this pandemic has shifted their world. As a school community, we are comforted to know that our children are also creating new shared experiences with family and teachers - those experiences will ultimately make the positive difference needed in their lives.

Our teachers and administrators remain committed to meeting the needs of every student. The past weeks of remote learning have allowed us to make adjustments to the instructional design and to the weekly and daily structures based on feedback from students and parents. Teachers continue to evaluate the curricular priorities, keeping in mind the overarching curriculum plan for our return in the fall. Recognizing that schools will be closed for the remainder of the year, teachers and administrators are designing ways to bring closure to both the academic learning and the social-emotional needs of students.

The District's e-learning plan ([Phase 3](#)), coordinated by Dr. Kaltenecker, has been updated to describe our current approach to remote instruction and to provide details from each of our schools. The plan will be updated to reflect any adjustments or new information from the Governor or the State Education Department.

Thank you for your continued collaboration as we strive to support the school community for your children.

My best to you and your family!

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Superintendent of Schools