



# Sachem Central School District

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Dear Sachem Families and Staff,

As the evolution of COVID-19 continues to progress at a rapid rate across our region and beyond, we are undoubtedly all facing very stressful times as this affects so many aspects of our daily lives. I want to emphasize that as of now, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our students or staff. However, in consultation with district administrators and the Board of Education, we have made the decision to close all buildings to students for the entire week, 3/16-3/20. The regularly scheduled Board meeting for March 18, 2020 will still be held

Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 will be Superintendent's Conference Days. The district will use these two days to continue the lesson/activity development process for our students, and to finalize plans for access to breakfast and lunch for those students who are eligible. Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 20 will be allocated as snow days, unless there is further direction or guidance from the Governor's Office.

During the closure, there will be no utilization of any district facilities and all events are canceled, including athletics. Any extension to this closure will be communicated to you accordingly. Should the district be closed beyond this week, we will be providing resources for activities or lessons for our students while at home.

I also would like to thank our custodial and maintenance staff for the incredible work that they have done thoroughly cleaning our buildings over the past 36 hours.

We continue remain in constant contact with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and all other relevant agencies. As this is a rapidly changing situation, I will continue to keep you updated on any important developments. Please know the health and safety of our students and staff are at the forefront for us all.

Since this is an unprecedented situation for all school districts, I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Any changes to this plan will be communicated to our families. I will continue to keep you informed of new developments that affect our school community.

Sincerely,

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