



Sandy Creek Central School District

"Comet Pride is Community-Wide!"

COVID-19 UPDATE

March 15, 2020

Dear Sandy Creek Central School Families & Faculty:

We wish to update you on the developing COVID-19 (CoronaVirus) information and the District's current status. Following a briefing with county authorities on the morning of Sunday, March 15. There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Sandy Creek CSD or Oswego County. While there is currently no confirmed case, the concern rests in that limited testing availability likely precludes cases that may be unknown. In conferences and meetings with Oswego County officials Sunday morning and under the guidance and directive of Oswego County Officials (including the Department of Health), we examined the District's role in social distancing practices and the mitigation of community spread in light of those cases that may be unknown. We have made the decision to close the Sandy Creek Central School District, Monday, March 16, 2020 through Monday, April 13th unless we receive further guidance from Oswego County authorities to continue the closure. Sandy Creek staff are asked to report to the District at their normal time Monday with the exception of the Transportation Staff who will be contacted by the Transportation Supervisor as to when to report.

During the period of this emergency closure, all on-campus activities, events (athletics, extra-curricular, and community use of facilities) and instruction for students will be suspended until Tuesday, April 14. Section III spring athletics will start on or about Tuesday, April 14. If any of the above changes in any form, we will communicate immediately. We will continue to work collaboratively with the County, BOCES, Local, and District level on plans that address safety, communication, and the delivery of essential services to those students that need them. The instructional staff will be given time this week to compile review materials for students.

Please be aware the District will be placing a survey on Social Media and the Sandy Creek District website to collect information on whether households* within the Sandy Creek Central School District would like food delivery (breakfast and lunch) Monday thru Friday during the time of closure as long as feasible. As part of the Summer Feeding Service Program, the Sandy Creek Central School District was approved on March 14, 2020 to provide meals if the district were to close due to Covid -19. Children aged 1 to 18 will receive a free breakfast and lunch on designated days as long as *at least one child in a residence is attending a Sandy Creek School and lives within district boundaries. Please note that meals will only be delivered to the enrolled child's primary residence (one residence only for the meal drop-off).

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We are in the midst of a World Health Organization global pandemic. Please make sure you share the following reminders from the NYS Department of Health with your children and family members:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. Do not rush to the doctor, urgent care or hospital without calling first to obtain guidance from a medical professional. New Yorkers can call the NYS Department of Health coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065 with any concerns or questions or visit their website at <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>.

The Sandy Creek District is built on solidarity, supporting your neighbor and a commitment to the community. As you know, the safety and well-being of our students and staff is the greatest responsibility of the District. Thus, we will continue to communicate with our school community via the school website, social media and SchoolMessenger via telephone/email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kyle Faulkner".

Kyle Faulkner
Superintendent