



**Update - Calendar Change for Friday, March 13, 2020
K12 Alert from: March 12, 2020**

Dear Croton-Harmon Students, Staff, Parents and Community:

I'd like to begin this communication by stating that, at this time, we have no knowledge of cases of COVID-19 among faculty, staff or students in the Croton-Harmon School District.

We have, however, decided to **reinstate our Superintendent's Conference Day for tomorrow, Friday, March 13. This means our district will be closed.** Our teachers will work remotely and further develop lesson plans for online instruction. This will also allow us to thoroughly clean and sanitize our facilities, as our buildings will be closed for three consecutive days.

We have also **decided to cancel Budget Saturday this Saturday, March 14,** in order to minimize large group gatherings and continue our deep cleaning and sanitizing of our facilities.

Today, area superintendents had a joint conference call with NYS Interim Commissioner of Education, Shannon Tahoe, where we shared our concerns specific to Westchester County. I have also spoken with County Executive, George Latimer, to express our concerns. It is anticipated that tomorrow superintendents will meet with Commissioner Shannon Tahoe, Senator Shelley Mayer, and Chancellor Betty Rosa. We hope to receive additional direction specific to Westchester County at that time.

I'd also like to share with you the guidance school districts have received from the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) about how we are making decisions about whether to close our schools and, if so, for how long. In brief, if a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, the state has mandated a 24-hour school closure to allow health officials to assess the situation and provide further guidance. The superintendents will continue to discuss proactive measures with our state officials.

Again, tomorrow, Croton-Harmon schools are closed, Friday, March 13.

Yours in Mission Possible,

Dr. Deborah O'Connell
Superintendent of Schools