



Update

K12 Alert from: March 16, 2020

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

Today, the Westchester County Executive, George Latimer declared a state of emergency due to the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Included in his executive orders was a **closure of all schools for 14 days, March 18 to March 31**. The intention of this closure is to help mitigate the spread of the virus in our schools and the wider community.

Additionally, as the details of the State and Federal strategy addressing the coronavirus continue to emerge, their recommendations are likely to change. **Therefore, families should prepare for the potential of longer school closures.** We ask for your continued flexibility and patience. Information regarding any potential changes to this year's District calendar will be shared in the near future as our current priority is to focus on providing on-going learning and supporting the well-being of our school community.

In Croton-Harmon schools we remain dedicated to serving the educational needs of our students. In doing so, we have developed the plans outlined below to support student learning while they are at home. Please be reminded that during the school closures, all athletic and extracurricular activities are canceled.

Learning from Home

Families should check in daily to our eLearning website which can be found at: www.chufsd.org/eLearning. In an effort to keep routine in the lives of our students:

- I will have a video awaiting students that will greet them and begin their day with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- They will then be directed to their school's eLearning website where messages from our principals will await our students.
- From there, students will be asked to visit a listing of teacher webpages. On each teacher's page, they will find the online learning expectations for the day.
- If your child has special needs, you can expect that his or her service providers will be reaching out to you.

We are anticipating that students will be able to easily self-navigate their learning. Please know that our principals and teachers will be accessible through email to guide and assist you with any needs that may arise.

If you need any technical assistance you can submit a request to our [Help Desk](#) or leave us a message at (914) 271-1050.

School Nutrition Program

The district will be providing Grab-and-Go lunch meals to our free and reduced eligible children during the school closure beginning March 18, 2020. Student meals will be distributed from the Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School's main entrance between the hours of 11:30 and 12:30pm. Entry to the building will be through the main doors closest to the ramp and Welcome Center. The rest of the building will not be accessible.

Should you have any questions, please contact your building principal or Tracey Borges at Tracey.Borges@chufsd.org.

School	Address	Days	Pickup Time-Lunch
Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School	3 Glenn Place, Croton-on-Hudson Entrance: Front Vestibule Door	Monday-Friday	11:30-12:30 pm

We also recognize that students and families may need emotional support during this very difficult time. If you are experiencing anxiety or stress, and you feel you need support, please call the Department of Community Mental Health office at (914) 995-1900. In addition, the District's mental health professionals will be available to support you and your children. Should you need their assistance, school counselors and psychologists will be regularly checking their email.

As always, we sincerely appreciate your continued support and understanding. Together we will get through this challenging time due to the strength of our partnership as a school community.

Yours in ***Mission Possible***,

Dr. Deborah O'Connell