



**Update from Croton-Harmon Schools
K12 Alert from: March 28, 2020**

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Good Afternoon Croton-Harmon Students, Parents, Staff and Community,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and settling into our new daily routines. As we all know our nation and specifically New York State has been hit very hard with this health crisis and families are managing so many challenges. We receive daily reminders in the news about the importance of social distancing and doing what we can to “flatten the curve.”

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo announced that schools will remain closed **through April 15, 2020**. Since this date includes our regularly scheduled calendar spring recess (April 6-April 13), it is our intention to observe our spring recess and therefore students will not be expected to complete assignments and teachers will not be adding additional assignments to the portal during this time. Our meal service will continue during this recess for anyone that is in need.

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Will schools be closed beyond April 15, 2020?** We don't know. The Governor's Executive order extended the existing closure which ended on April 1st to April 15th. The Governor has stated he will reassess the situation. As soon as we have more information we certainly will communicate.
2. **What about New York State (NYS) Tests, such as the Grades 3-8 ELA and Math assessments and Regents exams?** NYS has canceled all grades 3-8 ELA and math tests along with the NYSESLAT and NYAA exams. To date, we have not received any guidance on NYS Regents exams.
3. **What about Advanced Placement (AP) Exams and SAT's?** Please visit the College Board's [website](#) for all [changes to the current program](#). You can also reach out to your counselor and/or Mrs. Dubak and Mr. Maxam.
4. **Will there be changes to eLearning?** As we discussed in our [eLearning plan](#) we see our plan evolving. Phase I of our plan focused on using tools that students are already familiar with such as Google Classroom that they had already been using regularly when we were physically in the buildings. We recognize that students and teachers are missing classroom interactions and we want to strengthen those opportunities. Promoting student-teacher connections for community building, feedback, and support will be the focus of Phase 2 of our eLearning Plan.

Over the past few days, we have received helpful feedback from students, teachers, and parents. This feedback falls into a few categories, such as, the

pacing of work, what a “home/school” schedule could look like, and having more interaction with a teacher. As we refine Phase 2 of our plan, we will be sure to consider this feedback and our eLearning Plan will continue to evolve.

5. **How will students be graded?** Grading discussions are occurring at each school building and will be communicated to families by the building principal.

In closing, as we have just completed day #8 of eLearning, we know how difficult it is to balance personal and professional obligations. We recognize that many families have both parents working from home while they are supporting their child’s eLearning instruction. We thank our Croton community for your partnership during these challenging and unprecedented times.

Yours in *Mission Possible*,

Dr. Deborah O’Connell