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

I hope this message finds you and your family doing well. I am writing to share that Governor Cuomo announced today that New York State schools will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year.

During this briefing, he shared, "Given the current situation, K-12 schools and college facilities will remain closed for the rest of the academic year and will continue to provide distance learning for the remainder of the academic year."

While not altogether unexpected, I, along with my colleagues, recognize that this news is difficult for many, as it solidifies that we will not be back in our classrooms. Please know that we are working hard to find ways to celebrate one another and will continue to explore and develop ways to celebrate the achievements of our students while ensuring their safety and complying with state mandates. We also remind you that our faculty is here for you as you process this information and may be looking for assistance in conversing with your children.

I also want to point out that in today's briefing, the Governor also noted that our teachers are doing a phenomenal job. I very much agree with this statement and would personally like to thank our entire staff here in Croton-Harmon, as well as to express our pride in our Croton-Harmon students and families for their resiliency. Through these challenging times, we continue to connect - although virtually - to strengthen our Croton-Harmon school community.

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership as we move through these challenging times.

Yours in ***Mission Possible***,

Dr. Deborah O'Connell