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March 14, 2020

School Dismissal Declaration

Dear Faculty, Staff, Parents, Guardians, Students, and Community Members:

At 1:00pm today, the Steuben County Manager, Jack Wheeler, announced that Steuben County is declaring a state of emergency in response to COVID-19. The declaration has directed schools to dismiss students beginning March 18, 2020, through the end of April break. Chemung County will also be announcing the same declaration in a simultaneous press release.

At this time, the following is the general plan for the immediate future (subject to change based upon unfolding events):

Monday, March 16

- We will utilize this day as our Superintendent Conference Day (with no students in attendance) instead of holding the planned Superintendent Conference Day on 03/20.
- The primary effort for Monday will be to have teachers and staff prepare for an extended student dismissal.
- Buildings will hold a staff session to discuss questions / plans / any outstanding issues.

Tuesday, March 17

- Students will be in attendance for the full day.
- Teachers will provide students with review work to take home. Our goal during this period of time is to try to prevent regression and to keep students connected to learning in this extended absence.
- Students should take home all personal items. At this time, we are uncertain if this declaration will be extended beyond spring break.

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Wednesday, March 18

- This will be the first day of the extended student dismissal.

Tuesday, April 14

- This is the first anticipated day back to school for students provided that the emergency declaration is not extended beyond April 13.

During this extended dismissal time, external visitors, facilities usage requests, including “Old Man Basketball”, PIE, community youth sports, and usage of the weight room will be suspended until further notice.

Athletics will be allowed to practice on Monday and Tuesday, but, all athletics will be suspended until further notice beginning at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 17th. The school musical will be postponed with the hope of rescheduling it in the future.

We will continue to monitor this emergency which is impacting our region and we will provide additional updates as information becomes available.

Sincerely,



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STEUBEN COUNTY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Steuben County has declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 effective 12 am Wednesday, March 18th.

Steuben County Manager Jack Wheeler and Public Health Director Darlene Smith have met with school superintendents to develop a unified plan for an extended dismissal of students. Governor Cuomo, through his executive order of March 13th, placed authority for school dismissal at the local level, and these actions are taken as a precaution to be standardized across the county.

Steuben County officials have directed schools in Steuben County to dismiss students beginning March 18th through April 12th.

Schools in Steuben County will be utilizing Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th to prepare staff and students for this extended dismissal.

In the interim, Steuben County officials are continuing to monitor and respond to all COVID-19 concerns and remain in close communication with school districts.

"Continuing our collective efforts of 'social-distancing', we have directed an extended dismissal of schools in Steuben County" said Smith. "School dismissal is an effective public health measure to prevent and slow the transmission of COVID-19."

County officials stress that these measures are precautionary in nature and there remains zero positive cases in the county.

"We urge the citizens to rely upon facts provided by health officials and not to default to undue fear," said Wheeler. "This declaration follows suit of many counties in New York and states across the nation, which is meant to support social-distancing efforts. While our daily routines may change in the short-term, we will respond in a calm, unified manner as a community."