



# Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District

## District Office



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Dear APW family,

Recently Governor Cuomo provided additional updates with Executive Order 202.11 related to the closure of schools through April 15, 2020. Included in this order is the following language:

*“School Districts must continue plans for alternative instructional options, distribution of and availability of meals, and child care, with an emphasis on serving children of essential workers and continue to first use any vacation or snow days remaining.”*

Failure to comply with these 3 directives (continuity of instruction, providing food, assisting with the facilitation of childcare) can result in a loss of state aid for the district.

Through communication with Governor Cuomo’s office, we are directed to provide continuity of learning (continued instruction) each day of the closure through April 15, 2020, including “Spring Recess” beginning April 6, 2020. So what does this mean?

### Instruction

Keep doing what you have been doing. I have been so impressed by your creativity over these past several weeks. Please continue to reach out to students over the break and continue to check in on them. With any additional materials or resources you provide the focus should remain on student engagement and literacy. I worry most about isolation for our students, and your focus on building and maintaining relationships means more now than ever before.

Many of you have expressed interest in coming back to the building for additional materials or to access copiers. We are working on plans now to facilitate some form of limited access for those that need it. You are not required to come in and if you have the materials and resources you need, please stay home. If you have specific requests or are in need of materials and resources, please contact your building Principals. If you require technology support please contact: [rfreund@apw.cnyric.org](mailto:rfreund@apw.cnyric.org)

### Food

We had always planned on providing meals to our students during the April break and our plans remain unchanged until further notice. We will continue with our food delivery schedule of Mondays between 10:00-12:00 at 4 pickup locations throughout the community with additional evening hours of 4:00-6:00 at the JSHS.

## Child Care

If you are a parent or caregiver who needs child care, *particularly serving children of essential workers*, please complete the parent need for child care survey posted on our district website.

Based on the information you provide about your job, employer, number of children, and financial need, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) may be able to help you find the child care program you need. It may be a challenge to find child care due to COVID-19 related program closures, however the staff members at OCFS are trying their best to support families to find the high quality child care that they need.

Thank you all for the creativity, courage, and selflessness I have witnessed over these past weeks. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of your efforts. More importantly please know how much our families and community appreciate your commitment to their children!

Sincere thanks and I wish all of you the very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Knuth".

Eric Knuth  
Superintendent of Schools.