

# Rockville Centre Union Free School District

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April 3, 2020

Dear Parents and Staff,

Throughout this extended closure, we continue to work through, and address, the complexities and challenges of Remote Learning. We thank all District parents and staff for their support as we work through this together. Below is the latest update.

### **Update on Spring Recess:**

Governor Cuomo and the New York State Education Department have made a determination that during the period of April 1st through April 14th, all Remote Learning will continue uninterrupted. This means effectively that for the Rockville Centre Schools, the days originally scheduled for spring recess will now be days for Remote Learning. We are awaiting a decision by the Governor concerning days beyond April 14th. Two of the days, April 9th and 10th, are days that many families, teachers and staff members in this community participate in religious activities and services and would not normally be in a position to be engaged in school activities. We understand that many of our families and staff members will not be available for Remote Learning despite the fact that we are open for instruction. During this time, you can expect to receive assignments prior to April 9th that reflect the importance of these days and will have due dates no earlier than Tuesday April 14th. These assignments will be cognizant of family obligations. We ask both families and teachers for their understanding and flexibility.

### **Remote Learning Update:**

Students in Grades Kindergarten through Third began to use the SeeSaw platform for posting and receiving school work this week. We understand that this is new for all and we will be easing into more work as students and teachers have a chance to build some familiarity with SeeSaw. Our teachers are being trained on how to comment and send back work as well as how to make audio and video recordings. Students In Grades 4-12 will continue using Google Classroom.

Please visit the Remote Learning Page for additional resources. If your child is having difficulty with technology or with assignments or if you have concerns about how your child is feeling at this difficult time, please share this with your child's classroom teacher who will serve as a conduit for putting you in touch with the proper supports.

### **Daycare for Children of Essential Workers:**

As mentioned in an earlier correspondence, Governor Cuomo has asked that daycare be provided for children of essential workers, focusing primarily on children of health care workers and first responders. He has asked that districts provide childcare opportunities for school age and non-school age children. However, while the District is authorized to provide childcare at no cost for school-age children, there may be a cost associated with service for non-school age children. Please call (516) 727-0331 should you need to take advantage of these services.

### **Mental Health and Social Emotional Support Update**

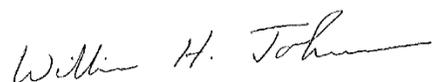
The Northwell Rockville Centre Behavioral Health Center staff hosted a very well attended parent webinar last night. The webinar covered helpful tips for parents during the school closure, mental health concerns and educational support. A number of resources were shared. The PowerPoint from the presentation is attached and, along with additional resources, is posted on the District website.

**COVID-Self Reporting:**

We continue to encourage anyone in the community who has tested positive or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive to email the District at [COVID-selfreporting@rvcschools.org](mailto:COVID-selfreporting@rvcschools.org).

We encourage you to continue to follow the guidelines for social distancing. Be safe and be well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William H. Johnson".

William H. Johnson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools