



Spencer-Van Etten Central School

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Dear Spencer-Van Etten Parents and Guardians,

Over the past few weeks, we have been in constant communication with our local health officials, along with community organizations and state agencies. Today, both Chemung and Tioga Counties have issued a State of Emergency. In an effort to “flatten the pandemic COVID-19 curve” and prevent contagious illness, the counties have directed the schools to close to students effective immediately through April 13, 2020.

During this closure, the district will work to provide various needed services to students including:

Food Services

Even though we are closed, we will be bagging meals for breakfast and lunch, which will be available for any student free of charge, Monday-Friday between 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the parking lots of our school buildings. A bagged meal will be available for breakfast and a separate bagged meal will be available for lunch. Please enter the parking lot of the bus loop sides for the middle and high schools and the bus garage side of the elementary school. There will be a container with meals available on ice. A breakfast and a lunch for each student in your family is available. If students are in need of food and do not have access to transportation or cannot leave their home, they may call 589-7150 to arrange food delivery. At this time, we are looking for guidance as to whether meals will continue during the regularly scheduled school vacations.

Instructional Plan

Teachers will be creating a long-term educational plan that will cover the duration of the closure. A more detailed communication regarding your child’s educational plan will be communicated early in this upcoming week.

Mental Health Needs

Your child will still have access to mental health supports. We are in the process of developing this plan and it may include virtual or phone conferences. Other Mental Health Resources are available to our families through our website at <http://www.svecsd.org/mentalhealthresources.cfm>.

Athletics

All athletics and extra-curricular activities will be suspended through April 13, 2020. We will communicate further details as they are made available to us.



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Cleaning

In addition to our normal protocol, a deep cleaning and disinfection will take place throughout our district.

As stated in the most recent Tioga County Public Health Department Press Release:

Individuals who have questions or concerns are encouraged to call the NYS Coronavirus Hotline at 888-364-3065, or Tioga County Public Health at 607-687-8623. Individuals that call the Tioga County Public Health number will get a response from Public Health staff as staff is available. We encourage our residents to check our Facebook page (@Tioga County Public Health) for any updates. Please stay tuned for additional updates over the next several days.

Please stay tuned for any updates via SchoolMessenger, social media, and our district website. We must support each other and come together as a community; our schools are here for you.

Respectfully,

Diahann Hesler, Superintendent