



WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Matthew J. Bystrak
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Families,

In accordance with recommendations from federal, state and local authorities that people avoid large gatherings of individuals, and in consideration of the declaration of multiple States of Emergency, all Erie County school districts will be closed through April 19th, with school scheduled to resume on April 20th.

The West Seneca Central School District has a plan for continuity of education while schools are closed. Although there is no true replacement for the regular instruction your child experiences each day with his or her teachers, we have provided our students with instructional materials to help continue their learning during the period where schools remain closed. Additionally, students and families can visit our website at www.wscschools.org/go to access online resources in one convenient place. We will be updating the website with additional resources periodically throughout the duration of our school closure. For your information, Charter Spectrum (1-844-488-8395) has announced it will offer free access to broadband and WiFi services for 60 days to households with students who do not already have the services. Rest assured, our expectation at this time is simply that your child does the best he or she can do with the assignments and activities that have been provided to him or her by their teacher(s).

We understand that this situation may be stressful for many of us, including our students. We hope that our approach to providing structure and maintaining access to educational continuity will help to relieve anxiety our families may be experiencing during this time.

Listed below are some details on our district-wide plan for the course of the next several weeks.

- The District will deep clean all buildings in the coming days and weeks.
- Teachers will communicate with students and/or parents via email accounts, their webpages, and various other means already established throughout the course of this school year.

Beginning March 18th, the District will provide a bag breakfast and/or lunch for students. Winchester Elementary and Northwood Elementary will serve as our central distribution centers. Parents or students can pick up lunch and breakfast for the next day during the hours of 11:00-1:00 pm at the main entrance of both of these buildings (more specific information will be forthcoming regarding our meal program). These meals are pick-up only as no meals will be consumed on-site.

As this is a very fluid situation, we will work to finalize district plans in the coming days. Please know that we will continue to communicate with families via our website, email, phone, and district-sponsored social media posts. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew J. Bystrak".

Matthew J. Bystrak
Superintendent