



East Greenbush Central School District

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Jeffrey P. Simons

Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian, The East Greenbush Central School District continues to monitor the situation regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As of yesterday afternoon, there are 328 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New York. While there are **no confirmed cases** in Rensselaer County, we in the East Greenbush Central School District are aware of concerns in the community about the spread of this virus.

Our administrative team has been discussing options for how we could continue to provide learning resources to students should we need or be required by NYS to close schools for an extended period.

As this situation continues to change, **I have decided to call a Superintendent's Conference Day on Monday, March 16, which would keep students home that day.** This will allow faculty and staff to meet in grade level and department teams and discuss options for how we could provide online learning resources to your children should we have an extended school closing. All school clubs, athletic practices and Greenbush Child Care will be canceled that day. Students in grades 6-12 who have school-issued chromebooks should continue to bring them home every day and to keep them charged.

Please know this decision to modify the school calendar is being made out of an abundance of caution and to ensure that we are ready in the event of a school or district closing. It is important to keep in mind that while the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 are increasing, and that is expected to continue, the majority of cases include mild symptoms. Additionally, children appear to be at less risk than other populations. Less than 3% of cases worldwide are children.

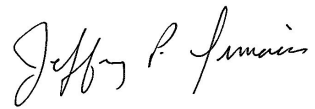
As a reminder, if you or a family member begin showing symptoms of a respiratory disease and suspect it may be COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider. Before going to your healthcare provider's office, inform them that a case of COVID-19 is suspected, and follow their advice. You can also call the Novel Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns.

More information about COVID-19 can be found at www.egcsd.org/coronavirus.

In the event we hear further guidance from the state, such as, they were to close all schools for a period of time, you will receive another notification from me.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools during this evolving situation. If you have any questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey P. Simons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Jeffrey Simons

Superintendent of Schools