



## ***East Greenbush Central School District***

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*Superintendent*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope you and your family are healthy and doing well. The East Greenbush Central School District continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and adjust plans accordingly. Our district administrators are meeting regularly and are following guidance from the Governor's office and the NYS Education Department during this unprecedented situation.

By now you may be aware that through an Executive Order issued by the Governor the school closing period has been extended until April 15th. This means, absent an additional extension of the school closing period by the Governor, students and staff would return to school on April 15. This return date falls during our previously scheduled Spring Break. It is reasonable to assume that this return to normal school operations may not happen on April 15 as the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to increase in New York and the President has extended CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and staying home through April 30th.

Under the Governor's Executive Order and under the direction of the State Education Department, school districts are expected to continue to provide on-line instruction, serve meals to students and maintain childcare programs for parents who are essential workers on all weekdays (including Good Friday and during the scheduled Spring Break) until schools are re-opened. Thus, there will be no Spring Break later this month.

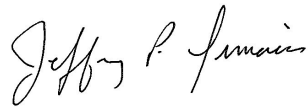
The district recognizes that this decision by the state will impact people differently. Some students, staff and families would benefit from a break and others benefit from the continued structure, connection to school and importantly, meals and childcare.

Through this period of extended closing, as teachers continue to engage students from home through on-line learning, we have asked that teachers deploy their best professional judgement to consider the curriculum standards but also the individual academic and social emotional needs of the students. There should be a balance of academic work and flexible due dates for assignments to ensure children have time for family, recreation and leisure. Additionally, we expect teachers and staff to be responsive to questions and concerns from parents. We understand everyone in our school community - teachers, staff and parents are balancing work and trying to support their own children's academics. In the event that you need assistance, please reach out to us.

Based on questions from parents received by the district, parents of students in grades 6-12 will be receiving more detailed information by the end of this week regarding online instruction, grading and upcoming events such as Graduation, Elevation Celebration and Prom.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. More information about childcare and meals is listed below.

With Regards,



Jeffrey Simons  
Superintendent of Schools

### **Childcare for Essential Workers**

The East Greenbush Central School District has expanded its partnerships with local childcare providers during the current school closing. Parents considered [“essential” workers](#), as determined by New York State, will be eligible for free childcare at the following providers until further notice. Anyone interested should contact the childcare providers directly.

- [Bloom and Grow](#) — 706 Bloomingrove Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144
- [Creative Minds Daycare](#) — Stowe Ave., Troy, NY 12180
- [Howard L. Goff Middle School](#) — 35 Gilligan Rd., East Greenbush, NY 12061 (operated by Greenbush YMCA)
- [Viking Child Care Center](#) — Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenburg Ave., Troy, NY 12180

### **Free Meals**

East Greenbush CSD is offering free Grab n Go meals to our families in need during this temporary school closing. Donald P. Sutherland and Red Mill Elementary Schools have been designated as the two pickup sites.

Meal Pick Up Times:

- Donald P. Sutherland, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Red Mill, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If delivery is needed, you **MUST** call the transportation office at 518-477-9288 between the hours of 7 a.m.-9 a.m. Lunches will then be delivered between 11 a.m.-Noon. We will be unable to come to the door, so we ask that the parent/guardian/student come to the bus. Grab and Go meals will have perishable items and can not be left unattended.

**Food for Families**

During this challenging time, the East Greenbush Central School District is providing food to families in need from our school community.

If you are in need of food, please contact Athletic Director Michael Leonard at [LeonarMi@egcsd.org](mailto:LeonarMi@egcsd.org) or School Social Worker Audra Di Bacco at [DiBaccou@egcsd.org](mailto:DiBaccou@egcsd.org) to make arrangements for pickup or delivery. We are also accepting donations of non-perishable items to supply this program.