



## *Skaneateles Central School District*

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Dear SCSD Staff and Families:

In my 39 years in education, I have experienced a number of situations that have challenged me professionally and personally. During each of those situations, I have discovered a great deal about myself and those who were around me. I find myself in a similar situation in what we have all been confronted with connected to the COVID-19 virus.

In response to their continued efforts to help mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 virus on those most vulnerable in our communities, Onondaga County Executive, Ryan McMahan announced on Saturday, March 14, a State of Emergency for Onondaga County. Also on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Cayuga County Legislative Chair, Aileen McNabb-Coleman declared a State of Emergency for Cayuga County, both directly connected to the COVID-19 impact on their respective counties. Both counties have directed the schools in their counties to close until the end of Spring Break, Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Although the Skaneateles Central School District is in Onondaga County, our affiliated educational extension center is the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES located in Auburn. This means the Skaneateles Central School District will be required to follow the closing directive from that Cayuga County.

Therefore, the Skaneateles Central School District will be closed to all students and evening activities beginning Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The school district hopes to reopen for normal operations on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, unless there is an extension of the closure declared by Cayuga County.

I certainly recognize and understand the added challenges this closure has placed on many families in our school district, and for that I apologize. No one wanted the COVID-19 health issue to reach the level of pandemic, but it has. We will continue to work with local, state and federal agencies to address this health issue and maintain open lines of communication with students, parents, staff and community members through our web site, Facebook and School Messenger.

I will be asking my Administrative Cabinet to convene on Monday, March 16, at 9:00 to discuss next steps in our process. Additional information will go out to students, staff and community at the conclusion of that meeting. The Skaneateles Central School District Offices will remain open during their regular business hours, should you have any questions.

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy during this extended time away. For staff, we ask that you contact your immediate supervisor or the district office, should there be issues related to COVID-19 during our extended time away. I look forward to seeing everyone's return to school after our April Break. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,  
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