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## Dear Parents:

Your children's teachers and related service providers have been working hard over the last few days to prepare for maintaining a connection with the school during prolonged school closure. Packets have been sent home in addition to activities being posted regularly on Google Classroom. Directions on how to access Google Classroom were sent home with each packet. The link to Google Classroom and directions can be found on our home page at <a href="www.scboces.org">www.scboces.org</a>. If you have not received your packet yet or have questions, please contact your child's teacher via email. If you cannot reach them, contact the RPEC main campus at 845-295-4111 and we can provide information or will put you in contact with a person who can help you.

Sullivan BOCES is expected to be open when our school districts are open; we try to plan our closures for when our school districts are closed. School districts are being required to use all banked snow days and vacation time before they are eligible to apply for any waivers. Therefore our school districts are canceling their spring breaks to get them through to the mandated closure date of April 3rd. To reflect that schedule, Sullivan BOCES is canceling spring break at this time. This is a fluid situation and the closure may be extended if necessary.

Arrangements have been made around the county to provide food to families in need. Many community-based organizations are also stepping forward to help assure that our students are fed during the closure. Please check with your home school district for further food distribution information.

These are uncertain times. This is an imperfect plan, but it is the best plan that we have, and working together it will only improve. Robocalls will be issued as necessary for further updates on school closings.

We will get through this together! That is the only way we will be successful. Watch after yourself, protect your families, practice social distancing and ride this out. Help us support our students remotely in any way possible. This too shall pass and we will be the better for it! Stay strong, be well, be confident and stay united!

Regards,

Robert M. Dufour, Ed.D.

District Superintendent & Chief Executive Officer