

April 8, 2020

Greetings ICSD Community,

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has extended school closures to **April 29, 2020**. Our district educators have been engaged in thoughtful collaboration to design ICSD Distance Learning 2.0. We are prepared for this extended requirement of social distancing and home quarantine. Beginning on Monday, April 13, our district will be implementing our new instructional delivery. If you missed information about our new approach, please visit our [website](#).

As we enter this fourth week of school closures due to COVID-19, it is important to note the significant amount of work and thinking that is taking place outside of schools. I am very appreciative of our students, staff, and families who are forging ahead as our school district continues to focus on providing meals and innovative learning experiences to our young people.

It is also important to note that the New York State Board of Regents has released guidance **cancelling the June 2020 High School Regents Examination Program**. Students who meet one of the following eligibility requirements are exempt from Regents Examinations they were planning to take in June 2020:

- The student is currently enrolled in the course of study culminating in a Regents Exam and by the scheduled date of the June 2020 Regents Examination will have earned credit in such course of study.
- The student is in grade 7, is enrolled in a course of study leading to a Regents Examination, and has met the standards assessed in the provided coursework.
- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and has failed to earn credit by the end of the school year. Such student returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course credit and is subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020.
- The student was previously enrolled in the course leading to an applicable Regents Examination, has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents Exam but was intending to take the test in June to achieve a passing score.

The New York State Education Department has released [FAQs](#) about the Regents Exams. In addition to the information listed here and the information available via the FAQ page, please look for more communication directly from your child's principal.

We continue to update our Ithaca City School District [website](#) to provide information and support to students and caregivers. We have [a page](#) that focuses on supporting Special Education and English Language Learning students, which all can access. Additionally, we have transitioned our family technology support line to now be our **Family and Student Support Line**. If you are unable to email your child's teacher or would like to speak with someone directly, you can call this support line at (607) 882-9850. Please leave a voicemail and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

All children can continue to receive free meals, delivered to their homes, Monday-Friday. Families do not need to receive free and reduced price meals in order to receive these meals - all children are eligible. Please [fill out this form](#) or call 2-1-1 to arrange for meal delivery.

Thanks for your continued support, generosity, and engagement.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luvette Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Luvelle Brown Ed.D.  
Superintendent