



March 13, 2020

All Parents/Guardians:

NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELATION

All Schalmont Schools classes will be canceled from Tuesday, March 17, 2020, to Friday, March 20, 2020. We will evaluate the cancellation of classes on a weekly basis during this unprecedented event. **Our previous notice on Monday's Professional Development Day remains in effect and all teachers will be at Schalmont on Monday.**

At Schalmont CSD we have access to online resources that will allow for teachers to stay connected to students. Our Grade 2-6 students have received Chromebooks to take home, and our students in grades 7-12 already have Chromebooks for online access to educational platforms. At our Monday Professional Development Day, our focus will be on sharing a variety of resources for parent-guided and self-guided learning for students. We plan to begin sharing these resources during the early part of next week. Families should look for more information around that time. Capital Region BOCES CTE and Special Education programs will not be operating March 16-20.

All athletic events at Schalmont will have practices through this weekend ending Saturday, March 14, 2020. After this week all athletic practices will be suspended from Monday, March 16 through Sunday, March 22, 2020.

We have made arrangements in the local community to continue our Free and Reduced food program. If you receive these services you may still arrange for pickup at the school, you will be notified of how to continue these services if you receive them.

If you do not have internet access Spectrum will offer free internet access to Capital Region households with K-12 students during this event. This is a 60-day offer only available to households that aren't already Spectrum customers and includes free WiFi access. You can reach out to Spectrum at 1-855-243-8892.

The New York State Education Department continues to work with the Governor's office, the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Department of Education to provide guidance to our schools around issues such as instructional time and test scheduling.

We know the cancellation of classes for a week places a burden on many families, however, given the current climate we feel this is a prudent measure to assure the community that we are

taking all precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Capital Region communities. **Schalmont remains free of any confirmed COVID-19 cases.**

Please continue to check our website, social channels, and sign up for SchoolMessenger for updates as this isn't a very fluid situation. If you feel you or your family has symptoms of the COVID-19 virus you may contact the New York State COVID-19 hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

Respectfully,

Carol Pallas
Superintendent