



March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Community is at the heart of everything we do, so as the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) begins to have a greater impact, we want to share some of the immediate steps we are taking to help keep our students, families, and staff safe and healthy.

Like many others, our district is closely following guidelines from the CDC, the World Health Organization, and our local and national health organizations. In that vein, and in support of efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, the district has decided to suspend all public-facing programs beginning Friday, March 13 at 5:00 PM per Governor Cuomo's guidance. The suspension of events will go through at least April 30, 2020, at which time we will reassess. This includes all external group gatherings that would be hosted at the Schalmont campus and Jefferson Elementary. We continue to receive the most up-to-the-minute information and we will be taking the following actions:

- **All Adult Ed Classes are canceled at Schalmont CSD**
- **All weeknight athletic practices are to end by 7:30 PM**
- **All Saturday activities in the school must end by 1:00 PM**
- **There will be no building activities on Sundays**
- **All After-hours access for staff and the public will be restricted; this includes evening and community participation events such as concerts, literacy nights, or PTO functions.**
- **Travel to domestic destinations (i.e; NYC, Florida) for events has been suspended**
- **International travel for student programs has been suspended**
- **The district will review the resumption of programs on April 30, 2020.**
- **Outside Adult Ed classes and Community-based functions at off-campus locations may still be active, however, you should check with the hosting site before attending.**

Please know that this was not an easy decision for us to make. Schalmont's robust schedule of events and programs is an important resource for our community and learners of all ages. However, out of an abundance of caution, we feel that this is the best way that Schalmont can support efforts to discourage crowd gathering during this challenging time.

All our schools remain open and at this time we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19. This is simply a precautionary measure to assist with ongoing containment efforts. As we receive new information, we will continue to update you on our coronavirus [webpage](#). Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. And thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to best serve and protect our community of Adult learners.

At times like these, even if we cannot physically gather together, we need to support one another.

Respectfully,

Carol Pallas
Superintendent