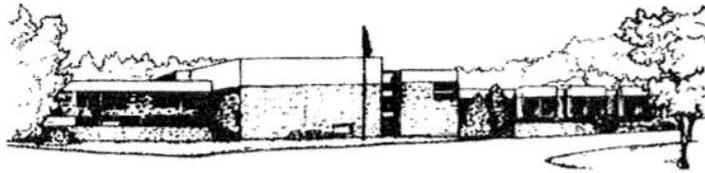


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Dear AVCS Family,

On Friday, March 27, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that all public schools in New York State will remain closed until April 15 due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic ([Executive Order 202.11](#)). Importantly, this order might be extended by the Governor but this is what we know as of right now and what we are expected to follow. This new Executive Order supersedes all previous notifications about potential dates to return to school, including those issued by AVCS and all of the 16 component school districts of the CEWW BOCES. Gov. Cuomo has full authority to make this decision, and local schools support his direction during this pandemic. All area schools will return only upon the Governor's orders.

Dan Fuller, Deputy Secretary for Education to Governor Cuomo, has advised that school districts are expected to provide continuity of learning (i.e., continued instruction), distribution of meals and childcare each day of the closure through April 15, 2020, including during what was previously scheduled as Spring Break for many schools across the state. This point was reinforced in the NYS Education Department's most recent memo, [Clarification on 180-day Requirements in Light of Executive Orders March 30, 2020](#), it states that "districts must continue to provide remote instruction for students, meals for students, and child care for essential workers every weekday between April 1, 2020 and April 14, 2020, even if the district is scheduled to be on spring break during that time".

Therefore, AVCS and all 16 component school districts of CEWW will follow this order as set forth and continue to provide remote instruction and meals to students as well as childcare for essential workers every weekday through April 14 to receive waivers from the 180-day instructional requirement. Failure of any school district to provide important educational and support services these days will result in a loss of important state aid revenue.

We have faced challenging times before, and we are called upon once again to work together, and support each other in these uncertain times. We are a community who has sacrificed together for a common cause on many occasions, and we all know that by staying home and practicing physical distancing, as our County Health Departments, State and Federal officials have instructed, we can halt the spread of COVID-19 in our area. I am confident we can and will do this as a community during this time of need.

Thank you all in advance for your patience and understanding and I will keep you updated as we hear more from the Governor on the status of the closing and order.

All the best and stay healthy,

Paul Savage

AVCS Superintendent