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Good Evening,

As indicated earlier today, under the direction of the Wayne County Department of Health, and aligning with the county declaring a State of Emergency, Gananda Central School District will be closed beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 through Tuesday, April 14, 2020 as a mitigating and precautionary measure for COVID-19 (coronavirus). Additionally, all athletics and extracurricular activities are canceled beginning tomorrow, Monday, March 16, 2020.

#### What does this mean for the Gananda Central School District?

- **We will be holding regularly scheduled classes on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 for Pre-K through 12th grades.** During this time, students will receive information on digital learning instruction which will begin on Wednesday, March 25. Additional information on this will be coming home in the next couple of days. If you need assistance with digital access (internet), please contact the district directly at: 315-986-3521 ext.8-4313.
- **All buildings will be locked and inaccessible at the end of the day on Tuesday, March 17 until re-opening on Tuesday, April 14.** It will be necessary for students to remember to bring home their chromebooks and chargers, as well as any additional personal effects at the end of the day on Tuesday, March 17.
- **All athletics and extracurricular activities are cancelled beginning tomorrow, Monday, March 16, 2020.** Additionally, district facilities (track, playground, basketball courts, etc.) will be locked and off limits as part of our social distancing procedures starting Tuesday, March 17 at 4pm.
- **Students with medication stored in the nursing office:** contact your building nurse to arrange to pick it up, we cannot send medication home with students.
- **Breakfast and Lunches:** A program to provide breakfast and lunch to students will be available starting on Wednesday, March 18. We will be sending a survey and additional details on this soon.

- **Kindergarten Registration:** For those enrolling in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year, please call the district office (315-986-3521 ext.8-4313) to make an appointment to drop off registration forms. Forms can also be emailed directly to Leslie Ferrante at [lferrante@gananda.org](mailto:lferrante@gananda.org).
- **Wayne Finger-Lakes BOCES Programs are open for students on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17.** Students participating in their programs will be able to attend BOCES on Monday and Tuesday.
- **Trips to Washington D.C and New York City:** At this time we are not canceling the trips, however, we are continuously monitoring the situation. We feel these experiences are important to the overall educational experience for our students, and waiting a little longer will not have an impact on the financial penalties, at this point.

As a reminder, this is a continuously evolving situation. At this time, schools are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, however, we are under guidance from the Wayne County Health Department, and we will be working with them to continuously assess the situation.

While it is important to note we are not currently aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 related to anyone associated with Gananda Central School District, we encourage all students and families to practice social distancing and continue taking steps to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19.

If you have health-related questions or concerns, please call the New York State coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065. For the most up to date and accurate information, please visit <https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>.

Please know we do not take this decision lightly; the safety of our school community remains a top priority and we will continue to make decisions with that in mind. Please also be patient as we continue working through this unprecedented time.

We will continue to provide further updates as appropriate, using email and our social media outlets. You may also visit our website for more information.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools