This is uncharted territory for our community and our nation. It is also an opportunity for us to come together and support one another. After meeting with Monroe County Executive Adam Bello, and Dr. Michael Mendoza it has been decided that all Monroe County Public Schools will be closed to students beginning Monday, March 16 until further notice.

Staff may be asked to report depending on individual district needs.

This closing includes all school-related activities including sports and other extracurricular activities.

Each individual school district will share more specific information regarding their plans for food, social supports, remote instruction and other operational procedures with their individual communities. You will be given more information about RCSD specific plans tomorrow.

The Monroe County Health Department and school leaders will be reviewing this decision on a week-to-week basis and providing an update by midday Friday.

Please continue to watch for additional information from me over the next 24-48 hours. I will be meeting with County, City, and local health authorities regarding our next steps. I ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this unprecedented situation.

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Superintendent of Schools