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To: Communications <communications@RCSDK12.ORG>

Subject: Superintendent Update: School Closure Through May 15 (4.17.2020)

Dear Students, Families, and Staff Members of the Rochester City School District,

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo announced that New York on PAUSE is extended through May 15, which includes the closure of all schools in New York State.

While our buildings may not be open, school is still very much in session. I want to thank our amazing teachers, staff, students, and parents who have embraced distance learning from home. I truly appreciate how you are all making sense of what is becoming our new normal for now. We miss the daily interaction with our students and the energy they bring to our school days.

I also want to provide some important information about meals and report cards moving forward.

Pack-and-Go Meals for Students – Beginning Monday, April 20, four additional school sites will be used for meal distribution – School No. 8, School No. 17, School No. 45, and the Douglass Campus. Please check the District's webpage at www.rcsdk12.org/covid19 for times and locations of the twelve school sites and nine City R-Centers.

Quarter 3 Grading – Due to the shortened in-class instructional time, the following grading guidelines are in place for Quarter 3. All report cards will be mailed home the week of May 4, 2020.

Grades K – 5

- Students will receive an N/A for each report card grade. Teachers will provide comments based on the work students completed prior to March 13, 2020.
- Effort and responsibility grades will be left blank.
- Classroom teachers will continue to be in contact regarding instruction and support. Instructional packets for students can be found at any of the 21 meal distribution sites or online at rcsdk12.org/rcsdlearns.

Grades 6 – 12

- Only assignments given prior to March 13 will be calculated into students' 3rd-quarter grades.
- Students will not be held accountable for not making up missed assignments from Quarter 3.
- No student will receive an "Incomplete" or failing grade for Quarter 3; the lowest grade a student can receive is a D, or 65%.
- Classroom teachers will continue to be in contact regarding instruction and support.

Finally, if you haven't been on social media, I encourage you to check out the many posts by our teachers, staff, and families, highlighting the continuation of student learning. I know they help me stay connected to our Rochester family during this time of social distancing.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Dade
Superintendent of Schools