



Rochester City School District

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Dear Families and Community Members of the Rochester City School District:

I am following up on the District communication sent yesterday regarding the closing of all Rochester City School District schools next week.

After consultation with Monroe County Executive Adam Bello, Public Health Commissioner Dr. Mike Mendoza, and the Monroe County Superintendents, it was decided that all Monroe County Public Schools, including the Rochester City School District, will be closed to students beginning Monday, March 16 until further notice. This closing includes all school-related activities including sports and other extracurricular activities.

While this situation remains fluid, the District will begin implementing supports for families, including meals for students, beginning Monday, March 16. Please check the District's [Updates and Resources About COVID-19](http://www.rcsdk12.org/covid19) (www.rcsdk12.org/covid19) webpage for information about these resources, as well as other updates.

- **Meals During School Closures** – RCSD will provide pack-and-go breakfast, lunch, and dinner to seven school sites between 8:00 am and 2:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Nine City R-Centers will do the same from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm., Monday to Friday.
- **RCSD Support Hotline (585-262-8700)** – The District has established a hotline for families regarding resources and supports, Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- **RCSD Family Helpdesk** – This is an online resource for parents to submit questions and receive responses directly to the email address.

We will continue to monitor this situation in partnership with the Monroe County Health Department and school leaders on a week-to-week basis and will provide an update by midday Friday. Please continue to check the District's [Updates and Resources About COVID-19](http://www.rcsdk12.org/covid19) (www.rcsdk12.org/covid19) webpage for updates.

Although we know this may cause challenges for our families, it is essential for us to prioritize health and safety by implementing this plan and doing everything we can to support our communities throughout this ever-changing situation. We will get through this with the help and support of each other as one Rochester family. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Dade
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