

Canisteo Greenwood COVID-19

Closing Family FAQ

- 1. Many of our students rely on the school for food. How will the school continue to support them throughout this dismissal?** The cafeteria will continue to prepare food for students. Daily pick-ups will be scheduled in the bus loops of the Elementary building and the Greenwood building. Weekly deliveries of food will be distributed on Thursdays to families unable to come to our pick-up locations. Families will sign up for these deliveries prior to their start. Please watch the district website and facebook page for more information.
- 2. What about the 3-8 ELA assessments?** The state has released guidance suggesting schools use the entirety of an expanded testing window of April 8th. Since our dismissal extends beyond this we will not administer the exam. The state has advised us they will file waivers with the Federal Government for each district impacted this way. They have also advised us that accountability measures connected to the state assessment will be waived if a district was impacted by a COVID-19 related dismissal or closure and no student will be penalized as a result of not taking the exam.
- 3. What about HS students in courses with a 180 minute a week requirement for credit and/or lab minute requirement for a regents exam?** The state has released guidance allowing superintendents to grant credit to students who successfully complete a course's requirements even if they do not meet the 180 a minute a week requirement as a result of a COVID-19 related dismissal or closure. The state has also given superintendents the ability to admit students into science regents exams even if they have not completed the 1200 prerequisite lab minutes as a result of a COVID-19 related dismissal or closure. *These exceptions will be made only for COVID-19 related cases, not pre-existing attendance policy violations.*
- 4. Will we have to make these days of instruction up?** Not likely. The state has waived the 180 day requirement for schools impacted by a COVID-19 related dismissal or closure. We are mandated to use any remaining days of break and any remaining emergency dismissal days to offset the loss of instruction. Since the timing of this

encompasses our spring break we will have no remaining days of break and there are fiscal year and contractual barriers to extending the school year.

5. **What about postponements and cancelations?** At this time all events and activities are still postponed. Make up times and dates will be assigned by the school once more clarity on resumption of instruction has been gained.

6. **How do we handle students with questions and experiencing anxiety?** First remember that our students will take their cues from us. Remain calm, cool, and collected and stay positive. Our counseling team will work on creating a tip sheet for parents as well. Please look for it online and in our main offices.

7. **What is expected of the work students are being sent home with?** Our primary goal is to maintain academic engagement. The work should be non-graded and focus on reviewing and practicing previously covered material in hopes of minimizing regression. Since we cannot guarantee all students have reliable internet access it should use both electronic and physical resources to be as flexible as possible. We urge parents and students to be *proactive* and set time aside daily to complete this work. Remaining committed to this is one of the best ways to establish routine and set your student up for success upon return.

8. **How do we get instructional materials and personal belongings?** People may come in starting Tuesday to pick up personal belongings and instructional materials. Materials are available from 9-2. High School students may sign out instruments for orchestra and band as well.

9. **When will school resume?** It is our hope and tentative plan instruction will resume as normal April 14th. Ultimately this will be subject to further directives from the County and State Health Departments, NYS Education Department, and the Federal Government.