March 13, 2020

Dear Port Jervis Learning Community,

The Orange County Executive issued a directive that all schools in Orange County will be closed for two weeks, March 16-27, 2020. Unless further guidance or directives are issued, schools will reopen on March 30, 2020.

**Academics**

The Port Jervis City School District Faculty and Staff have worked diligently to prepare meaningful independent learning activities to minimize any adverse effects on academic progress. We will provide our teachers with additional time on Monday, March 16, 2020 during our regularly scheduled Superintendent’s Conference Day to complete these materials. These materials will be distributed via electronic communication (Google Classroom and email) and paper copies will be available for pick up in various locations throughout the school district. All students will have access to the materials regardless of computer or electronic access. A separate memo and announcement will go out on Monday afternoon regarding the distribution specifics.

**Food Services**

We want to ensure that our students have access to the breakfast and lunch program throughout this closure. Therefore, we do have a plan for distributing the meals. Specific locations for distribution will be at various locations throughout the community, including the schools. Again, a separate announcement will be made on Monday, March 16, 2020 regarding the distribution times and locations for these meals.

More information and specifics will continue to be posted on our website, Facebook, Twitter, and District App. The health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and their respective families is of the highest regard.

We appreciate the understanding and patience that our learning community has demonstrated throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Michael Rydell
Superintendent of Schools