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Dear Harpursville Families:

I hope this letter finds everyone continuing to be well through the first half of this week! Please forgive me for sending along another letter, but I want to make sure that I am providing timely and important information that can help you and your child.

First, I'd like to address the district's plan for teaching and learning next week, the week of April 6-10. As you know, this was the week originally scheduled to be spring break. Schools are being required to ensure that remote instruction and meals are provided next week. In fact, I was provided with information from the NYS Education Department stating that instruction and meals must be provided "every weekday between April 1, 2020 and April 14, 2020, even if the district is scheduled to be on spring break during that time." In other words, there is no spring break this year. This means that your child's teachers will be providing learning opportunities for next week, in a manner similar to the past few weeks. You should expect that information from your child's teachers over the next few days.

I also know there have been a lot of questions about how long we really think school is going to remain closed. The only firm information we have is from the Governor's most recent Executive Order which keeps schools closed until April 15<sup>th</sup>. From his previous "EO's", it appears as though he is looking out two weeks at a time. I'll be sure to let everyone know about our return to school or extended closure as quickly as possible when updated information is provided by state or local government officials.

Lastly, be reminded of the meals being provided tomorrow, Thursday, April  $2^{nd}$ . Not only is the district continuing to provide meals at the elementary school from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., but we have several off-site locations where meals will be provided too. Be sure to check out the schedule at:

https://www.hcs.stier.org/Downloads/HCS%20Food%20Pick-up%20Procedures%20for%20March%2030-April%203.pdf. You might find that one of the off-site locations is much closer to your home than the school!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, counselor, principal, or any district administrator. We are here to help! Please allow me to extend my best wishes to each of you for good health and well-being in the coming days and weeks.

Sincerely,

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