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Good evening,

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As a district, we have been closely following the situation surrounding Coronavirus. District administrators have been meeting with and receiving regular updates from the Washington County Department of Health, the New York State Department of Health, and the New York State Education Department. While the district does not have a confirmed case of COVID-19, based on the recommendations from our risk management and safety advisors, and out of an abundance of caution we have made several decisions to help minimize the spread of the virus in our school community.

**First**, On Monday, March 16th Schools will be closed and we will be having a Superintendent's Conference Day. I do apologize for the short notice. The purpose of the day is for our faculty and staff to prepare educational materials in the event a long-term school closure is necessary.

**Secondly**, Beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 the district has postponed field trips, guest speakers, and classroom visitors through the month of March.

**Third**, Beginning immediately, the buildings will be closed on the weekends for the month of March.

**Fourth**, the use of facilities by non-school groups and organizations will be prohibited through March.

These precautions are being put into place to protect our students as well as our community at large from exposure to the Coronavirus. While I do understand that this may create a hardship for some, we will do our best to reschedule events and activities that are postponed as a result of these precautions.

As always, I truly appreciate your continued support of the Whitehall Central School District and for the precautionary items that we have put into place to better protect our students and community.

Best,

  
Patrick Dee