

March 15, 2020

Dear Troy CSD Families:

After multiple emergency planning meetings with local Departments of Health, and superintendents in the Questar III BOCES region, we have made the difficult decision to cancel classes in the Troy City School District, out of an abundance of caution. As you know, this is a rapidly changing situation, and communications will continue to be updated as needed.

Monday, March 16 will be a Professional Development Day, and students will not report. Faculty and Staff will develop materials and resources for students and families to use during any closures. Troy CSD is committed to providing educational resources for our students during this time. We encourage you to maintain a schedule and routine to provide as much normalcy as possible for your child.

Classes will be in session for a half day on Tuesday, March 17, using our normal half-day schedule. This will allow our students to obtain materials for home use, clean out their lockers and bring home their belongings, including digital devices, instruments and other items. Although the Troy City School District does not have any confirmed cases at this time, we are seeking to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to ease public anxiety about schools being in session during this public health crisis. **All classes will be cancelled, effective Wednesday, March 18 until Friday, March 27.** This includes all classes, events, and athletics at the Troy City School District.

We will continue to monitor and follow guidance from local, state and federal agencies to reassess and reevaluate whether we may need to extend our closing if conditions worsen.

We understand that this is an inconvenience for our families, but our primary concern is the health and safety of our students and staff. We are trying to be thoughtful about planning and not make a sudden decision that does not allow our families and staff to prepare for what could be a more extended closing.

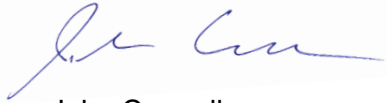
We are planning to continue to provide breakfast and lunch for any student who needs it. Breakfast and lunch will be served at Troy High School from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon daily, starting Wednesday, March 18. Any student may come and pick up a "grab and go" bag during these times.

Looking ahead, we anticipate that there will be many questions. Please visit www.troycsd.org/coronavirus for official information regarding the Troy City School District. We understand there was some information prematurely released by the media and other districts that created confusion. This is why it is so important to adhere to us for official communication.

Once again, we will continue to follow guidance from local, state and federal agencies and will provide additional information as soon and as often as possible. Please continue to follow the CDC's recommendations – including thorough handwashing, physical distancing and avoiding large groups and those who are ill – to stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work together through this rapidly evolving situation

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Carmello", is positioned above the printed name and title.

John Carmello
Superintendent of Schools