

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To the Families of the Boquet Valley Central School District:

Last week, the governor made an announcement to close schools for an additional two weeks beyond that of April 1<sup>st</sup>, (which was his initial closure). Please see the language below, then allow me to explain how that will affect Boquet valley Central School District.

*The Governor ordered all schools to remain closed for an additional two weeks, extending his prior closure order until April 15. Continued closure will be evaluated at that time. Provided that no school remain closed beyond April 15 without being directed to do so by Executive Order, they will not be penalized for failure to meet the 180 session day requirement. School districts must continue plans for alternative instructional options, distribution and availability of meals, and child care, with an emphasis on serving children of essential workers, and continue to first use any vacation or snow days remaining.*

A school closure by the governor supersedes our local decision to close until April 20<sup>th</sup>. There is certainly the possibility that the Governor will elect to close the schools for additional time as April 15<sup>th</sup> approaches. This will not affect our 180 day requirement for New York State schools, but we must use our vacation days and emergency days prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>. An adjusted calendar is listed below for you.

The language also states that we must provide for meals and “**alternative instruction options**” throughout the closure, including over the vacation and emergency days. We will continue to provide food over the new April Break and Emergency Days. We will also continue to provide opportunities for instruction during this time. Teachers are preparing those assignments now and those will be available by the end of this week. I have already heard from some students who are displeased with this decision, considering it additional school days or additional work. I would like to clarify that this is a directive from the Governor. I am not in a position to overrule or ignore these directives. This is an opportunity to ensure that students are moving through the curriculum.

Our new calendar:

Monday,	3/30-	“Normal” Remote Instruction Day
Tuesday,	3/31-	“Normal” Remote Instruction Day
Wednesday,	4/1-	“Normal” Remote Instruction Day
Thursday,	4/2-	“Normal” Remote Instruction Day and provides assignments for over the “break”
Friday,	4/3	Remaining Emergency Day 1
Monday,	4/6-	Remaining Emergency Day 2
Tuesday,	4/7	April Break Day 1
Wednesday,	4/8	April Break Day 2
Thursday,	4/9	April Break Day 3
Friday,	4/10	Good Friday
Monday,	4/13	April Break Day 4
Tuesday,	4/14	April Break Day 5
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>4/15</b>	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL (All faculty, staff and students)</b>



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Thank you for your understanding during this time, and your willingness to be flexible as we try to implement these directives. With the severity of the coronavirus in New York State causing problems for us as a state, the governor has to make numerous impactful decisions every day. Some of these decisions are surely going to affect us at Boquet Valley Central School District. This will end, and when it does, we will be able to use many of the things we have learned to enhance the educational opportunities for our students. Stay healthy and be safe.

Sincerely,

Joshua R. Meyer

Superintendent of Schools