



April 6th, 2020

To the Families of the Boquet Valley Central School District:

As we enter our fourth week of school closure in the region, I hope you have been able to find some routines during this time for you and for your family. We are scheduled to be closed through April 15th, as per Governor Cuomo. Based on the data coming out of his office, I am expecting an announcement later this week to extend the closure even further, but that is solely up to the Governor at this point. I am also aware that the announcement to continue school work straight through the April Break was unpopular. It is important that you as community members understand that roughly half of our \$15 million annual operating budget comes from the state of New York. Without those funds, we simply could not operate our district. It is for this reason that it is essential that we comply with the executive orders coming from the governor.

ASSIGNMENTS DURING CLOSURE:

When a teacher assigns something, the expectation is that it is completed. Teachers have been instructed that the individual situations vary widely in our district and that in certain circumstances, due dates should be flexible. This can be worked out with the teacher and the student/parent. If needed, please contact the building principal. Please do not wait until after a due date to discuss this with the teacher.

GRADING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

As a district, we are fully expecting that New York State will require grades as a form of student accountability in order to grant credit for courses. We are expecting assignments to be completed, teachers to grade those assignments, and grades to be entered into the grade book. Again, we are absolutely aware of the different individual circumstances in the district. Students and parents should contact the teacher, and the principal if needed, to come up with a plan to overcome individual obstacles or to plan for specific circumstances.

TESTING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

As you are likely aware, 3-8 ELA and 3-8 Math, as well as 4 & 8 Science Exams have been cancelled. AP Exams are scheduled to take place online. Bridge Courses and the exams associated with those are expected to take place as per the classroom teacher. Regents Exams have not been cancelled yet by the State. If the closure gets extended by the Governor, I expect to hear guidance about the Regents Exams from the State as well.

Please contact the school via email if there is something that we can help you with. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Joshua R. Meyer

Superintendent of Schools