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Dear Rondout Valley School Community:

As you know from my March 13 letter, the County Executive, under advisement of the Ulster County Department of Health, ordered the closing of all Ulster County schools from March 16 through March 27. This amounts to a total of ten (10) school days where the District will now be closed.

Last night, the Governor issued an executive order waiving the 180-day attendance requirement for schools that close due to COVID-19. The conditions of the waiver require that schools must first consult with their local department of health, as well as use all of their available emergency closing and vacation days.

We currently have three (3) unused snow days and five (5) vacation days that were scheduled for April 6-10 for spring recess. Per the Governor's order, we must apply these eight (8) days before being eligible for the exemption.

This means there will no longer be a spring recess on April 6-10.

The Executive Order also promises that guidance to ensure continuing services to students such as providing food and educational supports during an extended closing will be forthcoming. Our staff has already been working on these processes and will share details once final plans are in place. Please check our website frequently for updated information.

These are unprecedented times and we will continue to provide our families with updates as information becomes available. Please be patient and know that we are focused on providing solutions as best we can during these challenging times.

Again, please continue to practice preventative measures such as hand washing and social distancing. For more information: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

Very truly yours,


Joseph Morgan, Superintendent