



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
**201 Main Street**  
**VESTAL, NEW YORK 13850**

March 14, 2020

Dear Vestal CSD Families,

Today, Saturday, March 14, at roughly 3:30 p.m., Broome County Executive Jason Garner declared a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus outbreak, which includes the closing of all schools in the county beginning Monday, March 16, and continuing through April 14. The closing applies only to the student population.

While there is still no confirmed case of COVID-19 in Broome County, the decision to close schools for students is a proactive measure to prevent the spread of the virus to students, their families and the community. This does not indicate a quarantine of Broome County. Businesses will remain open and social distancing guidance, as well as hygienic practices such as handwashing recommended by the NYS Department of Health to minimize the spread of respiratory illnesses, should be followed.

We are currently setting up contingency arrangements to provide meals for students who depend on school meal programs, as well as methods to provide educational continuity for students. On Sunday, March 15, we will be meeting with District administrators regarding this, as well the opening of schools on Monday, March 16, to allow students to pick up personal belongings, study materials and tools, etc. We plan to send you more information on all of these plans tomorrow.

Information will come directly to you via School Messenger or on the District website. To ensure that all messages regarding our school community are accurate and that all information regarding this situation comes directly from my office, please note that no information will be posted on the District's Facebook pages regarding this issue.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain committed to our students and their families throughout this crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey J. Ahearn".

Jeffrey J. Ahearn  
Superintendent

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