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Re: Potential School Closures

Dear Parents and Oneida Community,

We have watched the spread of COVID-19. As we look at the cases in the United States, we can see that numbers continue to grow. Some have asked if schools will be closed. That decision rests with State officials, the health department, and our School Board. When risk factors show that it is prudent to close our doors, we will do so.

In the meantime, all our students have received lessons on how to minimize the risks of them getting sick. We will be increasing cleaning routines in our schools-ensuring that high touch surface areas are frequently cleaned. Cleaning products have been made available to our teachers and staff. Currently our teachers and staff are preparing for the contingency of school closure. It is our hope that educational services will be able to continue online.

This move to online school requires a considerable amount of preparation and planning. While many pieces are being put into place, the plan is not ready for public release. School will continue to be held in our brick and mortar classes next week. The following week will be spring break. At that point in time, we will monitor the safety status of our schools and act accordingly. We will keep you posted as our closure plan becomes ready for release.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kent
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