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Re: Closure Plans

Dear Parents and the Oneida Community,

We are continuing to monitor pandemic conditions. We are in contact with health officials so that we might be responsive to the health and welfare of the children of our district. We appreciate your support and understanding as we strive to work through the challenges that are facing the nation, state, and our community. We are looking at trends and project we will experience school closures sometime in the near future. Currently, the projected closures will begin on March 30, 2020.

Closure Plan

The first charge of the district is to keep our students safe. The next core purpose is to maximize the learning potential of every student. We will make every effort to continue the education process during this period of school closure with online learning. Much preparation and training have gone into the ability to teach online. We appreciate the support and effort on the part of the home to make this a successful transition.

We are fortunate each child has access to a Chromebook. Our teachers have the capacity to teach virtually every day through a product called Zoom. Teachers can post assignments and other online resources in learning management systems. There will be whole class, small group, and one-on-one sessions. Each Zoom interaction will be recorded. Recording allows anytime access to these sessions as well as assuring student safety. Schools will work together to stratify schedules to minimize overlap to the extent possible. There will be times where overlap occurs. When this is the case, we encourage you to access the recorded lessons. By doing this, it will minimize home internet bandwidth issues. Students who are not active on the internet will have offline assignments/projects on which they can work.

For this program to be successful, parents will have to be actively involved in students learning. While teachers will monitor attendance and assignment completion, it is essential for parents to

monitor schedules, internet use, and assignment completion. Teachers will communicate closely with parents regarding student progress.

This is a new education process for school and at home. We recognize there will be a learning curve for teachers, students, and parents. We are asking everyone to have patience as we learn together. We realize this will be a coordinated effort between extended family and community. Each school/teacher will establish a method for communication. The implementation of this process will be explained in greater detail and adjusted as necessary.

Internet access

Having internet access is essential for both students and teachers. Since most homes have internet access, this will not be an issue. There are three options to ensure access to each student:

1. Home Internet Access:

- a. This is the first option for all students having internet access at home.

2. Association Access:

- a. For those students who do not have internet access at home, we ask that you make arrangements with family members or close friends who would be willing to allow your children to work from their homes.

3. School Access:

- a. For those students **who do not have either of these internet options** available to them, they can come to **either** a two-hour morning **or** two-hour afternoon internet access session at the school. This option will require a parent to drop off and pick up at the designated times. These parents will need to sign a waiver acknowledging there are some health risks associated with bringing them into a group setting.

Appropriate Use

Clear expectations for internet use in the home can minimize misuse. Each school will send home recommendations for appropriate Chromebook use at home. Our Chromebooks have the capacity to monitor sites that are visited. We may conduct random checks of our Chromebooks to monitor inappropriate usage.

School Sponsored Activities

The IHSAA has canceled and suspended all sanctioned sports and activities for all of its member schools. This cancellation is in effect from Tuesday, March 17 through Sunday, April 5. During this suspension, IHSAA member schools are not to compete in games or contests. This also includes no practices of any team at any location. There are also to be no meetings held by coaches or players during this time. State Cheer/Dance Championships have been canceled and will not be re-scheduled.

Pay-to-play will not be collected or refunded at this time. If the season resumes in April, those who have not paid their fees will need to pay. If the season is not resumed, pay-to-play will be refunded. If the decision to move classes online comes and schools are closed, **ALL** activities will be canceled. This means that no club teams will be allowed to use the facilities and there will be no rentals of any buildings by any group during this time.

Attached, you will find the letter sent by IHSAA to Malad High School.

Oneida County Library

The Oneida County Library has informed the School District that they will not be available for use during school closure as they will need to be cleaning and disinfecting materials. This means that there will not be any internet access available through them. This is important to mention since your students will be responsible to get their work accomplished and turned in. Some of that work, as mentioned, will require internet connectivity. You must decide out of the three options mentioned above, how your student will connect to the internet during a school closure.

We will be sending more information out as it becomes available. Please feel free to contact your building administration if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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