Dear Solvay Families,

This afternoon, April 6, at the daily press conference, NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the continuation and extension of the school closure until April 29, 2020. In order to further promote the need for social distancing, school property (including playgrounds), will remain closed through April 29, 2020. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to opening these facilities as soon as recommended.

Also today, at the NYS Board of Regents meeting, Chancellor Rosa announced that the June Regents exams are cancelled. Additional guidance on this matter will be released soon. We will forward updates at that time.

Continuity of Learning
The continuity of learning will continue as it has been these past few weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your student’s teacher or building principal. Additionally, we are regularly updating our distance learning site to include more information and helpful resources.

Food
We will continue our delivery of food every Thursday during the closure. If you would like to be included in the food distribution services, please sign up online.

Child Care
If you are a parent or caregiver who needs child care, particularly serving children of essential workers, please complete this parent need survey for child care. Based on the information you provide about your job, employer, number of children, and financial need, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) may be able to help you find the child program you need. It may be a challenge to find child care due to COVID-19 related program closures, however, the staff members at OCFS are trying their best to support families in finding high-quality child care.

Technology Use
We would like to remind you that Chromebooks being used by students for distance learning are the property of Solvay UFSD and will be collected once the COVID-19 school closure is over. The expectation is that the Chromebook is used strictly for educational purposes. Software called “GoGuardian” allows monitoring of all activities on school-issued accounts. If GoGuardian detects a non-educational or improper use of the Chromebook, a notification will be sent to the building principal. We have included other important tips related to technology use and distance learning.

Thank you to everyone in our community, with a particular emphasis on all health care workers and first responders, during this very difficult time.

Your attention and responsiveness to this unprecedented situation related to the COVID-19 school closure is appreciated. Please stay well and reach out to us if there is anything we can do to support your students.

Sincerely,
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