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Dear Solvay Families,

We are reaching out to provide you an update related to the COVID-19 school closure. First, we would like to extend our wishes for the health and safety of your families and our appreciation for your collaboration as we navigate distance learning in response to the COVID-19 closure. This is a challenging time and our community is coming together to support our students.

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo announced that school districts are expected to provide continuity of learning and nutrition programs during the previously scheduled spring vacation April 6-13. The students can expect the learning opportunities they have been experiencing since the COVID-19 closure to continue next week and throughout the duration of the closure.

Starting Thursday, April 2, the nutrition program will transition to a weekly pick up or delivery each Thursday between 10-11 a.m. during the COVID-19 closure. On Thursdays, five days worth of breakfasts and lunches will be provided to each student. If you have not yet signed up for the nutrition program, please fill out this on-line form so we can provide your students with meals.

At this time, Governor Cuomo has ordered all schools in the State to be closed until April 15, 2020. He has indicated that the duration of school closures in the State will be updated approximately every other week. The Solvay district will continue to follow the orders and guidance articulated by the Governor, the New York State Education Department, and Onondaga County authorities. We will update you as we receive more information related to the closure and the development of the COVID-19 situation.

To support the community and students during this closure, we have created a distance learning site that contains a variety of resources. We will also continue to place all COVID-19 communications on the district’s dedicated web page. For parents or caregivers who need child care, particularly serving children of essential workers, please call Child Care Solution at 315-446-1220. If you have any questions related to the continuity of learning during the COVID-19 closure, please reach out to the building principal or your child’s teacher. Additionally, you can also submit questions to COVID19@solvayschools.org.

We recognize that this is a time of uncertainty for everyone. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further support your students. We are a strong community and will get through this time of uncertainty together.

Sincerely,
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