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Dear Plainedge Community,

I am reaching out to touch base with all members of our incredible school community. I want to thank our parents for supporting their children both academically and psychologically in these challenging times.

I would also like to compliment all our wonderful students, administrators, and instructional staff for making the jump to virtual learning literally overnight. Our staff is working tirelessly to master online learning and are delivering wonderful learning opportunities for all children. Additionally, all staff are offering office hours Monday through Friday, which may take the form of large group instruction, small group instruction, and one-on-one support at various hours.

Children have the opportunity to view their teacher's online office hour schedule in Google Classroom. If your child's teacher is not available at the time they are studying a specific subject, they can log in to any other teacher's class that also teaches the same course. Our staff is proudly able to offer between 4-8 hours of teacher support in a specific class (e.g. – Math 7) daily! We have amazing administrators and instructional staff that are all looking to ease your child's transition to this new delivery model of online learning. If you have any questions about your child's educational program at any time, please call or email your child's teacher. If you need additional support, our school and central administrators remain available to support you at any time.

At the Board of Education Meeting earlier this afternoon, the Board made the decision to extend the current date schools will reopen to Monday, April 13, 2020. They did this to protect all children and staff members and our families since Governor Cuomo has not chosen to take action and extend the April 1 return to school date.

By reorganizing our originally planned Spring Recess, schools will be officially closed for Spring Recess from Wednesday, April 1, 2020 to Friday, April 10, 2020. During this period of time, there will be no instruction provided to students.

Schools are now scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 13, 2020.

This being said, I believe that there will be additional changes to the schedule depending on how the pandemic expands and impacts the citizens of New York. I expect that the Governor might also make unilateral decisions about school schedules in the near future as well, but only time will tell now. The Board and I wanted everyone to be “in the know” ASAP so you can all plan accordingly.

Thank you for all your hard work in supporting our children every day!

I wish you and your families well during this rapidly evolving situation. We know that this closure may be challenging for many of our families. Please know that we stand ready to assist you in any way possible. We will continue to update you as necessary.

Thank you in advance for your understanding as we navigate these uncertain times as a community.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Salina, Jr., Ed.D.,

Superintendent