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Dear Ichabod Crane families,

Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo extended the school closure for all New York schools **until Wednesday, April 15, 2020** in an effort to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

That date falls in the middle of our spring recess. We, along with many school districts in our region that face a similar situation, will look into what this means for our school. We will update our community as soon as we have more information from NYSED and Governor Cuomo.

We understand the challenges the school closure creates for families. Hopefully, this extended closure will help keep our students and community healthier as we look forward to getting past this pandemic and getting back to our normal routines. If there is anything we can do to help, please reach out to us. Please be sure to check our webpage for the most recent updates.

We know our families have many questions about the remainder of the school year. **Please note, we are closing the third quarter grading period as of March 16, 2020.** Students will *not be* penalized for work that was due after our original departure, however, student effort and work can and will be utilized to positively impact grades if applicable. Third quarter report cards will be sent out on **Wednesday, April 8th.**

Grades for the fourth quarter is to be determined and more information will be released as we receive more guidance from NYSED.

We will continue to keep our community informed of any updates. We are currently working on distributing chromebooks and hotspots to families in grades 4-12 who have identified as not having a device and/or internet access. While we have Chromebooks ready to be deployed, we are delayed in distributing hotspots due to shipping delays from our vendor. We are working closely with T-Mobile to secure these as soon as possible and will be in direct contact with families once received.

We are so incredibly proud of our teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members who have done such an amazing job to work together to keep educating our children while school is closed. The innovative ways teachers and staff have used to teach, the commitment our students have demonstrated to continue learning, and all that parents have had to take on as our lives have been so dramatically altered is truly inspiring.

We all hope our community stays healthy and safe and I urge everyone to please follow recommendations from New York State to help ensure we all get past this pandemic as soon and as safely as possible. Remember, our **RIDER HEARTS ARE STRONG!** All the best.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Jason D. Thomson
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