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Good evening,

Today, the superintendents from our twenty-three component districts in the Questar III BOCES Region, and representatives from all three County Health Departments (Columbia, Rensselaer, Greene), met for several hours to develop regional plans in response to this rapidly developing global pandemic. I have also been in close coordination with the District Administrative team and Board of Education leadership to keep them apprised of these discussions.

As of 6 o'clock today, March 14th, 2020 there are NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK. Having stated this, the Ichabod Crane Central School District ***will be open on Monday, March 16th, 2020.*** However, we will ***cancel all classes*** beginning on ***Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 and extending through Friday, March 27th, 2020.***

Please understand, we are making this decision, which we believe to be in the best interests of our entire school community, with the most current information available at this time. While we are concerned with the impact this decision will have on our Ichabod Crane families, we along with our regional school district colleagues believe this is the correct decision at this time. The Ichabod Crane faculty, staff and administration worked in collaboration together last week to prepare for the likelihood of this decision, and we believe we are well prepared to meet the needs of our community during these challenging times.

At the end of the day, Monday, March 16, we will be sending home academic materials for all grade levels in an effort to keep our students engaged and to prevent regression of essential skills and content while classes are canceled. We will work with available resources, including our Google classroom platform, to provide online/distance learning to grade levels where appropriate. Additionally, as we announced on Friday, we will be setting up three distribution centers within our District where families who qualify for free and reduced lunch during the 2019-2020 school year can

pick up a free bagged breakfast and lunch for children under the age of 18. More detailed information on both of these topics will be released on Monday, March 16th, 2020. This information will be sent home in backpacks with our students and also made available on the District website.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. Please check back on our website (www.ichabodcrane.org) often as we will update it regularly as additional information becomes available. Our "Rider Hearts " are strong. All the best.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Jason D. Thomson
Superintendent of Ichabod Crane Central Schools