



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Dear Valley Stream 13 Community,

This afternoon, Governor Andrew Cuomo extended school district closures in New York State through April 15, 2020. While we understand that school closure is a disruption for families, we agree with the Governor's decision. The first priority must be to continue our efforts to mitigate the transmission of the coronavirus and safeguard community health. As we've learned throughout the last few weeks, this is an evolving situation that changes daily across the globe, and we thank you for your patience and flexibility.

Since schools were closed over two weeks ago, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen has worked diligently to ensure continuity in the many services we provide our students and community. These have included the implementation of our continuity of learning plan, *Learn at Home*, providing access to assignments and activities, as well as engagement with teachers and classroom materials. New instructional materials can be found on the COVID-19 [Information and Resources](#) page as well as the [Parent Resources](#) page of the district website. We were also able to seamlessly continue the district's free and reduced meal program for the many children in our community who depend upon this service for nutrition each day. District administration and the Board of Education sincerely thank our teachers and staff for making the necessary accommodations to provide consistency throughout this crisis.

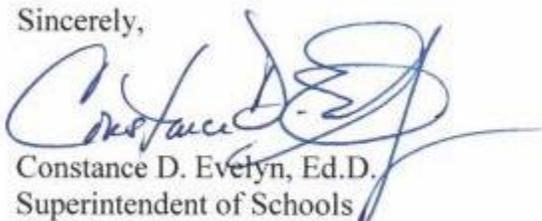
Our district is made up of incredible people, and we are truly grateful for the commitment and dedication everyone has demonstrated. Although nothing can replace the classroom experience, the efforts of our students, teachers, administrators and parents have helped ensure learning continues. All current level of services will continue to be in place until our schools reopen.

Valley Stream is a strong community that is passionate about the success of its young people. During this time of extended closure, it is especially important for all of us to continue to practice physical distancing to limit and hopefully end the spread of the Coronavirus in our community and region.

For those of you with questions about your child's education, please call or email your child's building principal and/or teacher. For medical questions, please call your family physician, health care provider or the Nassau County Department of Health. Of course, please feel free to contact my office at any time with questions or concerns you may have.

Be well.

Sincerely,



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