



# Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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*Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Community,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good spirits and health. Our district continues to be engaged in work that promotes continuity of instruction and other vital services including the provision of meals and childcare prioritizing first responder families and essential workers.

## **Governor's Executive Order – Spring Break**

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo made the decision to extend statewide closure of schools through April 29<sup>th</sup>. This announcement is not surprising based on what we have all observed in the continual news coverage of this pandemic. In anticipation of this happening, we have consistently worked with our staff and teachers to ensure that our meal and childcare service persists, and that our *Learn At Home Program* evolves to meet the needs of our students and families. Teachers across the schools and grade levels are continually engaged in professional development that helps them deliver instruction in this new paradigm. As we move forward, we will continue to expand our *Learn At Home* programming with more opportunities for interactive learning.

## **Childcare Prioritizing First Responder and Essential Worker Families**

As a reminder, the cost for the childcare program prioritizing first responder and essential worker families will be paid for by the District. This opportunity to provide free childcare to first responder and essential worker families is a result of the Governor's most recent Executive Orders regarding this issue.

Enrollment will be limited to those that work in one of [these](#) industries. The camp will be held Monday through Friday from 8am to 5 pm at the Willow Road Elementary School. If you have questions or would like to register your child, please email Kathleen Rainsbottom, the Right At School Area Manager, at [kathleen.rainsbottom@rightatschool.com](mailto:kathleen.rainsbottom@rightatschool.com) or call her at (516) 675-1071. Mrs. Rainsbottom will then follow up with the direct link to register.

As we progress through these extended school closures, our staff will continue to work to be responsive to our school community. Thank you for the feedback you have provided to help guide our work. We will consistently keep you informed of any changes. Stay safe and be well.

Very truly yours,

*Constance D. Evelyn*

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