



## VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dr. Don Sturz  
*Superintendent of Schools*

April 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Governor's Executive Order extending statewide school closures until April 15 has provoked questions about whether it is necessary for districts to forego scheduled spring breaks in order to receive full benefit from the waiver of 180-day requirements and avoid losses of State Aid. It has been stated clearly that all Districts are required to maintain continuity of instruction, meals for those in need, and access to emergency childcare services throughout the extended closure period, including during previously scheduled breaks. The order prohibits the scheduled spring break and we will comply with the stated requirements. Given current circumstances, it is highly likely that schools will be remained closed beyond April 15. I will keep you apprised of this.

During the period of April 9-17, we plan to be mindful of the fact that many teachers and families may pursue various religious observances. It is also evident that all are feeling the stress of coping with the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Given these facts, we envision the theme of this instructional week to be one of wellness for all. Activities will be provided each day, April 9-17, by your child's teacher which promotes wellness for students and their families and also maintains a supportive school connection for your child.

The Valley Stream 24 community has truly joined together during this challenging time and I am incredibly proud of all that our staff, students and families have done. We will continue to do what needs to be done to attend to the needs of all and we will get through this together as a family.

Stay safe and be well,  
Dr. Don Sturz

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