March 16, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Throughout the course of this weekend, Cortland County School Superintendents have been working closely with the Cortland County Executive and with the County Health Department. Our goal has been to coordinate our efforts, so that our collective response to the coronavirus outbreak is as effective as possible. Below is some important information regarding what this means for Marathon Schools.

- Effective immediately, extending through the end of the day on April 13, 2020, there will be no co-curricular or athletic activities.
- Effective immediately, extending through the end of the day on April 13, 2020, there will be no community usage of our school buildings or facilities (both inside and outside).
- Effective at the end of the day on Monday, March 16, 2020, and extending through the end of the day on April 13, 2020 Marathon schools will be closed.
- The April 14, 2020 reopening date may be extended by the County Health Department if necessary.
- The March 17th closure date was established to allow school districts time to establish contingency plans relative to our educational and food service program and to allow families time to set up childcare. Unfortunately, this timeline was accelerated based on how rapidly things are moving.
- If parents were uncomfortable sending their children to school on Monday, they should call/email the guidance office indicating that they were keeping their child home due to health concerns. This will then become an excused absence.

While school is closed we will continue to provide educational services for all of our students. Additionally, we will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all of our students. We will be utilizing a drive up system and our transportation department to deliver educational materials and food to our students’ homes. In order to coordinate these efforts, parents should call the main office to indicate if they plan to pick up free breakfast and lunches at the high school drive up or (if no transportation is available) would like meals delivered to their residence.
Contact Information:
- Appleby: Sue Light phone: 849-3281 or email: lights@marathonschools.org.
- Junior/Senior High School: Kacie Penrose phone: 849-3252 or email penrosek@marathonschools.org.

Please note the following additional information:
- Students will be provided school work through electronic means or by US mail/bus delivery. Students are expected to complete their work and return it to the teacher electronically by the due date. Material that is in paper form needs to be dropped off at school through the drive thru food window (when picking up food), when food is being delivered via bus or by dropping it at the HS main office.
- The Appleby YWCA after school program will be canceled until school resumes.
- Spring sports will resume on April 14th if schools are back in session.
- Unless otherwise directed by local health authorities, school personnel will be allowed on our campus while the school is closed.
- Unless otherwise directed by local health authorities, families who would like a daily meal will come to school to pick up the meal. Meals will be provided in a to-go bag and will be given to families through our “drive up” window. (HS – windows between the school and the Marathon Presbyterian Church). Meals will be provided during specific times to avoid congestion. Time frames for families will be by last names: A-E (10-10:30 AM, F-K 10:30-11:00 AM, L-P 11:00-11:30 AM, Q-U 11:30-12:00 PM, V-Z 12:30-1:00 PM). If possible, the district will provide multiple days’ worth of breakfast and lunch to reduce traffic and the number of times families would need to travel. At this time, food will be provided Monday, Wednesday and Friday. School breakfast and lunch will not be available during scheduled days off (March 20th and April 6th-10th).
- As long as students are completing their work and staying on track, we do not anticipate having to give up spring break or extend the school year.

If you have questions or concern, please feel free to call the high school office, Appleby office or the District office.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stone
Marathon CSD Superintendent
Jr./ Sr. High School

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY

Please email or call Kacie Penrose, on Tuesday, March 17th, with information on this form. Contact information for Kacie Penrose: (phone: 849-3251 or email: penrosek@marathonschools.org)

Please provide the name and grade level of students that reside in your home:

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Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________

Best Phone Number to Contact you: ______________________

All Students:

I would like to continue receiving free breakfast and lunch while the school is closed:  ____ yes  ____ no

If you want to continue receiving free breakfast and lunch do you have the ability to pick up school meals at the HS on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the scheduled time frames by families last names: A-E (10-10:30AM), H-K (10:30-11:00AM), L-P (11:00-11:30AM), Q-U (11:30-12:00PM), V-Z (12:30-1:00PM):  ____ yes  ____ no

If no, are you interested in the school delivering meals to your residence:  ____ yes  ____ no
APPLEBY ELEMENTARY

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Grades 2-6:

Do you need a school computer at home: _____ yes _____ no

Do you know how to connect a school computer to the internet: _____ yes _____ no