



## Yorktown Central School District



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Dear Yorktown School Community,

A short while ago, I learned that a Yorktown High School student tested positive for COVID-19. This case and the one previously shared with you are family members who reside in the same home. In accordance with state and federal law, I am able to share that the family has no other children in our schools, the student's last day present at the high school was Wednesday, March 11, and the student was not symptomatic while in school. I understand that the student is feeling well at home.

The Westchester County and New York State Departments of Health have informed me that they are the agencies who will be investigating this matter and will directly contact individuals who they determine require further communication. To be proactive, and in an abundance of caution, I have also asked the high school administration to communicate this evening with those people who may have been in contact with the student.

It is highly anticipated that the Governor or the Westchester County Executive will close ALL Westchester County schools for the coming weeks. In advance of the official notice to broadly close schools, the District, in consultation with the appropriate agencies, has determined that extending its school closure until March 29, 2020 is the most prudent course of action. Thus, all Yorktown schools are closed from March 16 to March 29. At the end of this two week period, we will assess the COVID-19 situation locally and regionally and make a determination as to whether schools can be safely reopened on March 30th or whether the closure must be extended.

Beginning Wednesday, March 18 we will be implementing some remote learning opportunities. Please check your email frequently for further information regarding the school closure and guidance for the remote instruction opportunities. In the interim, I invite you to visit <https://sites.google.com/yorktown.org/ycsdcoronavirusinformation/home> for additional information.

Please know that you have my commitment to providing our students and staff with the safest possible school community and **our schools will only reopen when it is safe to do so**. You have my commitment as a parent of two children in our schools, a resident of our great town, and the Superintendent of our excellent district.

I know that our community will continue to stand strong with one another during this most challenging time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Hattar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Ron Hattar