LYNBROOK UFSD FACT SHEET DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OUTBREAK (March 16th)

Now that the Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, directed all schools to close from March 16th through March 27th it is important to be aware of a few critical items. **As of March 17th, Governor Cuomo has closed schools statewide until April 1, 2020.**

1. **All school districts in New York State are required to meet for 180 instructional days each year.** Governor Cuomo issued a new Executive Order on Saturday, March 14th. It reads:

   “Any school district which is closing pursuant to a local state of emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 virus shall be required to first consult with local department of health and also **exhaust any available time including snow days and vacation days.** Additionally, the State Education Department shall promulgate guidance for districts to ensure access to meals for students in need, critical educational supports for students and distance learning options.”

2. **What does “exhaust any available time including snow days and vacation days” mean to Lynbrook families?**

   Lynbrook has listed on its calendar that Thursday, May 21st, and Friday, May 22nd, are weather contingency days. We will use this Tuesday, March 17th, and Wednesday, March 18th, as “snow” days. This means these are days off when neither students nor staff will report to work.

   On a side note, since Monday, March 16th, was still considered a Superintendent’s Conference Day and some staff did come to work in order for virtual professional development to be implemented, we will maintain that as a conference day.

3. **What does it mean when neither staff or students report?**

   No remote learning will take place.

4. **What will happen on Thursday, March 19th?**

   We intend on initiating our home-based, distance learning platform. We will consider this as the first day of distance learning. By Wednesday, all principals will be sending families a letter with instructions. This remote instruction will continue until the end date of the Governor's mandated closure, April 1st.

5. **What will happen for Spring Recess from April 9th through April 17th?**

   This will remain our April Spring Recess. Neither staff nor students will report to school.

6. **What will happen on May 21st and May 22nd (Weather Contingency Days)?**

   Staff and students will report to school.

7. **What do families who need to receive meals under the free and reduced program of the NYS Child Nutrition Unit?**

   A “grab and go” pick up site will be established at Lynbrook High school for those families to pick up meals each day between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon. This will begin Tuesday, March 17th.

8. **Will the district facilities such as playgrounds be open during this mandated closure?**

   No, when school facilities are directed to close so must playground areas and fields. Social distancing is required.

9. **Is any of this subject to change?**

   Absolutely! We may receive updated guidance from any number of public agencies (state, county, CDC, NYSED); therefore, the information above may change accordingly and all families will be updated.