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Dear Parent/Guardians:

Thank you for your continued patience and support of our efforts to continuing the education of your children during this unprecedented time. We will continue to keep you informed on changes in the situation and how that will impact school and your child's education. To this end, here are a couple of updates we would like to share with you.

Schools are an important part of the community and are charged with the care and instruction of a community's youngest members. Therefore, during a public health emergency, schools and districts are integral parts of a state's emergency response plan.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.4, school districts in NYS are required to establish and submit plans for the care of children of essential health care workers and first responders and to address other identified student needs. Essential health care workers may include licensed health professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, LPNs and nurse assistants or laboratory personnel. First responders may include paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters.

If you fit this description, please follow the link below and complete the survey. We will be in contact with you about your needs and let you know what might be available to you. The link to the survey is below the

In two days, our staff has made and delivered 600 meals for our students in the community. We are glad that we are able to provide this service to you. To help keep everyone safe, we ask that you please stay home if you are ill, have illness in your home, or have potential exposure to COVID-19. Contact the bus garage to let us know. We'll try to make other arrangements. We all need to work together to keep each other healthy and safe. Please remember to follow the guidelines available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

While we are currently able to deliver meals to your bus stops, there may come a point where we need to end this practice for health and safety reasons. The change will likely involve bringing meals to central locations in Salem, Shushan, and Hebron. This will require you to come to the pick-up area to get the meals. We will provide you with as much warning as we can so you can make the necessary arrangements.

On a final note, we are reducing the number of staff at school to be in compliance with state requirements to help slow the speed of the spread of COVID-19. During this time, staff might not be readily available to answer phone calls. Someone will return your call as soon as we are able. We appreciate your patience.

We are grateful for your support as we work through this challenge together.

Sincerely,

David J. Glover, Ed. D.