

Update to the
Germantown Central School District
Board of Education
Re: COVID-19

Presented by Susan LS Brown, Superintendent of Schools

April 8, 2020

The Germantown Central School District buildings will remain closed through April 28 per Governor Cuomo's new Executive Order to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this order, our school district must continue to provide remote learning, meals for students and childcare for essential workers every weekday through April 28.

Continuity of Education Plan During School Closure for COVID-19

- Was approved by the NYS Education Department
- All students in grades K-12 have District owned iPads at home
- With the extended closure, our teachers and related service providers have transitioned from practice and remedial work to leaning new content.
- Our Counseling Team is assisting families by connecting them to resources they need including access to the Internet.
- We continue to be challenged to engage some of our students, but the number is dropping
- June Regents exams have been canceled
- Revised grading policies are in place in the elementary and the Jr./Sr. High School

Meal Plan

During School Closure for COVID-19

- Was approved by the NYS Education Department
- Three Kitchen Workers prepare the meals on Mondays and Thursdays
- Three Support Workers distribute meals on Tuesdays and Fridays
- We are feeding about 100 children breakfast and lunch each weekday

Childcare Plan

During School Closure for COVID-19

- Was approved by the NYS Education Department to provide emergency childcare for parents/guardians of essential workers with priority given to medical and law enforcement workers.
- The Childcare Program is licensed by The Germantown AfterSchool Program (GAP) with Janet Crawford as Director.
- The program is housed at the Germantown Central School and staffed by GCSD Support Workers.
- GCSD Administration partner with Mrs. Crawford to provide support and supervision to the program.

NYS Required Reduction in workers at GCSD During School Closure for COVID-19

- Clerical and administration and administration workers report on a rotating basis, every three days
- Kitchen workers report twice each week
- Maintenance and Custodial staff report three days each week
- Support staff report as needed for the Meal Program, Childcare Program
- Counseling Staff report on an as needed basis

NYS Required Reduction in workers at GCSD During School Closure for COVID-19

- Governor Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.6 and the guidance from the Empire State Development Corporation indicate that the GCSD Capital Project is not covered by the Executive Order and may therefore continue.
- All contractors working on the project have COVID-19 health and safety protocols in place including: training of employees, maintaining social distancing to the extent practicable, wearing gloves and masks at the job site, washing/sanitizing upon commencing work and departing from work.