

March 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are all continuing to come to grips with what is the ‘new normal.’ All of us find ourselves tuning into ever-changing health advisories and expectations while balancing concerns for our loved ones. We are deeply missing our students and find ourselves returning to their welfare, time and again. It is a difficult time to prioritize educational standards, while we know some families are without work and dealing with food insecurities, meanwhile mental health challenges are commonplace across the nation. The entire District is working to assist families in one of the greatest modern challenges many of us have experienced; we urge you to seek out resources if your family is in need.

<https://sites.google.com/newpaltz.k12.ny.us/distancelearning/mental-health-resources>

On Friday, Governor Cuomo extended the mandatory closing of all New York schools through April 15th. We have established a remote learning community to facilitate and maintain the education of your child, beginning Monday, March 30th. Teachers will be establishing guidelines and connecting with students at that time. To learn more about the remote learning opportunities for each building, please contact your principal or visit

<https://sites.google.com/newpaltz.k12.ny.us/distancelearning/distance-learning-resources>

Teachers have been advised to keep all children’s social and emotional needs at the forefront of their instruction. Our school social workers, psychologists and school counselors are available through email to communicate, support and refer as needed. Their contact information is found on each building’s web page.

If your household requires a laptop device to maintain educational connections to their teachers, and you have not been in contact with our Technology Department, please reach out to your building principal.

Health officials have advised us of the importance of establishing a routine during the ‘new normal’ and we hope to inculcate some of this Monday. By working together, we can help New Paltz children regain connections to peers, teachers, and meaningful learning. If your family is in need, do not hesitate to reach out to us for assistance and support.

We will continue to reach out with updates in the days ahead. Be well.

New Paltz Administrative Team