



## **Peekskill City School District**

*Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.*

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Dear Peekskill Families,

First, let me begin by thanking you for your patience while we assessed today's situation. Around 11 p.m. last night I received notification that a Peekskill family with two school-aged children had been directed by the Department of Health to self-quarantine. Two children attend Woodside Elementary and another student attends an out-of-district school.

At this time, there are NO confirmed COVID-19 cases at the out-of-district school, and the school had reopened as of Tuesday, March 10. We have NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in any Peekskill school.

Because the information regarding the Peekskill family's quarantine came to us at such a late hour on Tuesday night, we were unable to reach the necessary parties involved to trace the path of the possible exposure and properly determine the level of risk to our school community. In an abundance of caution, our administrative team agreed that since we could not confirm details immediately, that the responsible course of action was to close our schools and sanitize all buildings and buses today.

Our District administrative team has spent today communicating with our Board of Education, building leaders, our District physician, the Health Department, our transportation company, the Mayor and members of the Peekskill family currently under quarantine. Our buildings have been properly sanitized following all NYS guidelines, and we have received confirmation from our bus company that all transportation units have been disinfected as well.

We have been advised by our district physician, who has been in communication with the Department of Health, that we may resume our normal school schedule tomorrow, Thursday, March 12.

Here are some additional messages we want to inform/remind you about:

- The Music in our Schools Month concert is postponed until further notice
- The City's St. Patrick's Day Parade is postponed until September
- This weekend's Saturday Academy is cancelled
- At this time, we are still having the Feeding Westchester Food Truck on Thursday (3/12) at Hillcrest from 3:30-4:30PM and on Saturday (3/14) in the back parking lot of the Middle School from 10-11:30AM.
- The high school SATs scheduled for 3/14 at PHS have been cancelled
- Reminder - Friday is no school for students as we have a pre-scheduled Superintendent's Conference Day
- We are modifying access to our schools for large scale events based on the Governor's guidance to minimize any potential for exposure.

We will continue to work with our stakeholders and the Department of Health to provide a healthy, safe environment for our school community. I thank you once again for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Mauricio". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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