



## **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,

I am once again writing to our school community to provide an update on our district's planning as we continue to monitor COVID-19 activity in Westchester County and New York State. We understand that there is a lot of concern in our communities right now regarding this matter. Our district administrators are in discussions daily as new developments emerge. We are continually monitoring national and statewide guidance from government officials and medical professionals.

While our schools remain free of any confirmed cases of COVID-19, in an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel our upcoming Saturday Academy scheduled for March 14 at Peekskill Middle School. The Feeding Westchester Food Truck scheduled to attend Saturday Academy will still be parking outside Peekskill Middle School on March 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. As of this time, all other district events remain as previously scheduled.

We will continue to stay informed on any issues related to the health and wellness of our school community, and will assess the scheduling of future events on an individual basis. Should any events need to be cancelled or postponed, families will be informed via our normal communication systems.

Please be assured that as national and state guidance is provided, we will adjust our district's practices accordingly. Staff and I have been on weekly conference calls with the State, and have reviewed the latest COVID-19 information available to us from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the NYS Department of Health. Informed conversations assist us in developing best practices to prepare our buildings for the health and safety of our school community. Our Director of Facilities also met with our senior custodial staff on Monday to review updated cleaning protocols.

As a reminder, the safety and security of our students and staff remain our highest priority. We thank you for your continued understanding and support as we do our best to maintain normalcy for our students and staff.

For updated information on how you can help keep our school community healthy, please see the links below. You may also reference our archived wellness messages on our District website.

Sincerely,

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Resources:

[Center for Disease Control: COVID-19](#)  
[Westchester County Department of Health](#)  
[NYS Department of Health: Coronavirus](#)