

Dr. David Mauricio Superintendent of Schools

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,

As we continue to learn more about the impact of the coronavirus (COVID 19) in New York State, we believe it is important to continue to communicate our efforts at the district/school level.

Peekskill Schools continue to take precautionary measures to protect our school community from illness. Our staff is communicating with the City of Peekskill, as well as our local health departments. We are also following recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and have gone above and beyond our NYS Education Department sanitation requirements. Our transportation company, MAT Bus Company, are also taking additional measures to ensure buses are being cleaned multiple times daily. All district wellness communication is being archived on our website for your reference. Please read our previously posted letters for more information and useful links.

In addition to the above measures, the District is also developing contingency plans in case of any prolonged closing of school due to a health emergency. We are preparing for the continuation of learning in the event of a possible school closure. Our Board of Education and staff prefer to be proactive in the development of our plan.

The health and safety of all of our students continues to be our first priority. We will continue to monitor absenteeism, clean routinely and encourage students and staff who are ill to stay home until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. We also remind everyone of the importance of practicing good hygiene. For examples of how you can help stop the spread of germs, <u>click here</u>.

Please check our website frequently, as we will provide information to our school community as updates become available.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Mauricio Superintendent of Schools