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Dear Dolgeville Students and Families,

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This spring has certainly been unexpected, at times uncertain, and wholly unprecedented. When we closed in March, it was what we hoped would only be for a short time, so packets were distributed to review skills until after spring break. With Governor Cuomo's announcement that the closure will last until at least April 29th, teachers have been working to move their classes online to start fair and flexible new instruction, primarily through Google Classroom.

It is very important that students check their school email. On our DCS webpage, there is a shortcut of a yellow envelope to access our school email server. Through email, students can communicate with teachers and have already received information about many class updates. All 7-12 teachers will also be hosting office hours, which are listed on the reverse side of this letter. While teachers are accessible every day via email and voicemail messages, at these dedicated times, teachers will be live on Google Classroom to help with any classwork. If enabled, there are call-in and videoconference features.

We have assigned staff as Access Coordinators to help families who will have difficulties with accessing Google Classroom. We surveyed students before school closed about home internet access and have been reaching out to families to ascertain who needed support. These students will be given hard copies of assignments and there will be multiple ways to get the work back to teachers, including a drop off box in front of the school and boxes at the meal distribution locations (Salisbury Town Hall, Stratford United Methodist Church, and the Dolgeville Fire House). As a reminder, students can also use the wifi in the school parking lot to access assignments.

Grades will not be optional. Quarters three and four have been combined to better help students through this transition. In the absence of Regents exams in June, it is imperative that students complete coursework and participate in class activities to earn course credit. Teachers will communicate on Fridays the expectations for the following week. Don't wait until the last minute! Break up the work and plan out the week so that it is manageable.

Spring is a busy season, filled with momentous events and ceremonies, but this year many of those events will need to be flexible. Our schedule is dependent on the governor and NYS Education. Currently, spring sports will start on April 29th and the Prom is postponed until June. For band students, Sherburne, the Memorial Day parade, and the Violet Festival parade are cancelled. As we know more, we will communicate an updated calendar.

This shut down has affected so much of our daily lives. Don't hesitate to reach out if you see your child struggling. We are all going through this together and are eager to be on the other side of the flattened curve.

Stay healthy and take care,

Ruth Leavitt
7-12 Principal