April 2, 2020

Dear Lindenhurst Community:

I know that this has been a challenging few weeks, but I am really so proud of the way we have all come together to provide our students with continued education. I know I keep referencing how unprecedented this situation is, and it is, but what is not unprecedented is the way in which Lindenhurst community members support one another and do what needs to be done when things get tough. It is really an admirable quality.

As you know, the Governor’s Executive Order extended statewide school closures until April 15. This overlaps with the district’s previously scheduled spring recess, April 9 through April 17, 2020. There have been many questions raised as to whether or not students and staff would be required to continue distance learning during that time in order to receive full benefit from the waiver of 180-day requirements and avoid the loss of State Aid.

We have recently received guidance from the Governor’s Executive Order and the State Education Department that “districts must continue to provide remote instruction for students, meals for students, and child care for essential workers every weekday between April 1, 2020 and April 14, 2020, even if the district is scheduled to be on spring break during that time.”

Should the Governor extend his Executive Order beyond April 15, we, as a district, should be prepared to expect distance learning to continue for the remainder of the previously scheduled spring recess.

As always, we will continue to keep you abreast of any changes. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Giordano
Superintendent of Schools