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Dear Cairo-Durham Families,

Today, Governor Cuomo announced that all school districts in New York state will remain closed for an additional two weeks, until at least April 15, to help protect the public against the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

That date falls in the middle of our spring recess. We, along with many school districts in our region that face a similar situation, will look into what this means for our school. We will update our community as soon as we have more information.

We understand the challenges the school closure creates for families. Hopefully, this extended closure will help keep our students and community healthier as we look forward to getting past this pandemic and getting back to our normal routines. If there is anything Cairo-Durham schools can do to help, please reach out to us.

I know families have many questions about the remainder of the school year, from how students will be graded to what events will be held. Our administrative team works each day on these questions and we have provided some FAQs on our website, www.cairodurham.org, which will be updated frequently. We are also planning ways we can engage families during the school closure to answer more questions. More information will be shared soon as we ask for families' patience in these unprecedented times. Again, please reach out to us whenever you have a question.

I am incredibly proud of our teachers, staff, students and parents who have done such an amazing job working together to keep educating our community's children while school is closed. The innovative ways teachers and staff have used to teach, the commitment our students have demonstrated to keep learning, and all that parents have had to take on as our lives have been so dramatically altered is truly inspiring.

I hope our community stays healthy and safe and I urge everyone to please follow recommendations from New York State to help ensure we all get past this pandemic as soon and as safely as possible.

Sincerely,



Michael Wetherbee
Superintendent of Schools