



April 7, 2020

Dear Garrison families,

The past weeks have been among some of the most unsettled and emotional experiences for all of us. And yet, our community's response to this crisis has been extraordinary.

The Governor has announced that all schools in New York State will remain closed through April 29, 2020. Additionally, we have received notification that the Regents exams scheduled for June will be cancelled. This is in addition to the previous cancellation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade State assessments. We are expecting further guidance regarding the cancellation of the Regents as it pertains to the Class of 2020 high school graduation requirements.

A number of other amendments were also passed as part of the emergency regulations which will be effective on April 7, 2020. One such regulation permits public school districts to operate for less than 180 days without a reduction in State Aid if a school is closed pursuant to the terms of Executive Order(s) of the Governor. "This amendment also permits missed instructional hours for any day that a school is closed pursuant to the terms of an Executive Order of the Governor to count toward the minimum annual instructional hour requirements."

Please note that the Governor has postponed School District budget votes and board elections to at least June 1, 2020. We, along with other districts are awaiting further guidance and updated revenue projections.

The Garrison Board of Education is continuing the Superintendent Search process. They have met with the consultants from District Wise and have begun interviewing candidates as scheduled.

Orientation for incoming kindergarten students was scheduled for Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be contacting our parents who have registered their child. Any parent of an incoming kindergartener who has not provided us with an updated email address should call the school at 845-859-0102.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Debra Jackson  
Interim Superintendent