



May 1, 2020

Dear Garrison Community,

Today, May 1st, at Governor Cuomo's daily press conference, the Governor announced public school buildings will remain closed and students will remain at home for the remainder of the academic year. He added that a decision on whether to hold summer school using E- learning will be made by the end of the month; purportedly in time for parents and districts to make appropriate arrangements but taking into account events transpiring within the next three weeks.

School districts are further directed to continue to provide distance learning until the end of the academic year. We are also required to continue providing meals to children and childcare to healthcare workers throughout the summer. School districts are being directed to create reopening plans that take into account extracurricular activities, student safety, transportation and instruction that follow protocols to be determined by the state. Please know that these state protocols have not yet been developed. Finally, as per the notice, school districts will be provided with direction on monitoring the spread of the virus within their schools.

I want to assure you we are developing re-entry plans as the Governor has directed and we will be determining the end of the academic year as it affects our Garrison students. This date will vary between districts as prior to the COVID-19 closure calendars were adjusted locally. An updated Garrison school calendar will be shared and will take into account NYSED regulations.

I will be sending a notice to parents to hold a Zoom webinar to share and discuss these details. I am sure you have many questions as do we based on this latest information. Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we develop next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Jackson".

Dr. Debra Jackson, Interim Superintendent