



March 11, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we have shared with you, we are following all guidelines from the New York State Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Putnam County Department of Health to protect our students and staff. At this time, we are taking additional precautionary measures in view of COVID-19. All building use by out-of-district organizations is suspended until further notice. Any Garrison community programs that are currently scheduled for after-school-use of facilities will continue, provided the Garrison School is in session.

Today at our Putnam County Department of Health briefing, officials confirmed there are no identified cases in Putnam County at this time. That being said, I would ask each of you to review your personal family emergency plans. Should school be closed, it is essential for your child to know your plans regarding who the home caretaker will be, what access you have to connect on-line with the school or others, and any other family arrangements. This is simply a reminder. As we review our plans, we also want you to be as prepared as possible. For example, each evening our staff is taking home their district-issued technology devices in the event of a prolonged closure. These are small but important changes to our current practice.

Should school be closed we will notify you, through the same systems we use for weather related delays/closings. We have placed these series of letters to you and any information on procedures related to COVID-19 on our district website under the tab for GUFFS News for easier access.

Take good care of yourself and your families. You are all part of our trusted Garrison Community.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Debra Jackson
Interim Superintendent