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Dear Bluehawk Family,

Information from the state is constantly evolving and changing. Our new word around here is "flexibility." Unfortunately, this flexibility is coming into play today.

This week, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) alerted all public schools that pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.11, "Districts must continue to provide [remote instruction for students](#), [meals for students](#), and [child care for essential workers](#) every weekday between April 1 and April 14, 2020, even if the district is scheduled to be on spring break during that time."

The Hudson City School District is prepared to continue providing these services for our students and families in accordance with the Executive Order. However, this directive from NYSED means that we must adjust our school calendar in order to avoid losing state aid funding.

As per Executive Order 202.11 and directive from NYSED, our school calendar will need to remove the six days of spring recess (April 10 - April 17) as well as Friday, May 22 as we are required to exhaust all recess and emergency days to be eligible for the state waiver of 180 days of instruction. The Executive Order mandates that remote learning continue throughout the closure period regardless of these scheduled recess periods. As such, Bluehawk faculty will continue to provide schoolwork and support to your child until further notice.

The state will reassess whether to extend the statewide school closures past April 14. We encourage families to continue checking their email and our website for additional information.

As always, I appreciate your patience, hard work and dedication to our students; I know you will do your best. Stay healthy!

Best regards,

Dr. Maria Lagana Suttmeier
Superintendent of Schools

