



POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Poughkeepsie City School District Staff

From: Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, Superintendent of Schools

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Subject: Dutchess County Executive School Closure Announcement

Date: March 13, 2020

Late this afternoon, the County Executive declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This State of Emergency will result in instruction and extracurricular activities for students being suspended until at least March 27, 2020.

Schools will be open for staff planning and operations during this period. However, given the unexpected announcement there is a great need for our PCSD staff to be afforded time to organize their personal affairs. Monday, March 16, 2020 will be identified as a "Professional Courtesy Day", where CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, PPSPPA, PPSAA, PPSOPA, and PPSTAA unit members will be provided a day to conduct personal affairs.

District administrators and union leadership will meet on March 16, 2020 to devise a plan that will provide clarity and direction to the operations of Poughkeepsie City School District for the next two weeks. Communication of this plan, inclusive of when staff will report, will be shared no later than 3pm March 16, 2020.

I appreciate your patience and my apologies for any inconvenience this unexpected announcement may have created.