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Dear Mount Sinai Families and Staff:

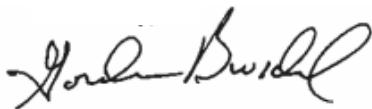
As the evolution of COVID-19 continues to progress at a rapid rate, we are undoubtedly all facing very stressful times and interruptions to so many aspects of our daily lives. Below you will find the latest guidance and information that we have concerning school closures.

- **School Closing Dates** – On Monday, March 16, 2020, the Governor stated that all New York schools will remain closed until April 1, 2020. This is the most current end date, but all of this could change in a moment.
- **Board of Education Meeting** – The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, has been postponed. Due to the uncertainty of when school will reopen, no new date has been established.
- **SAT** – The District has been notified that the March 28, 2020 and May 2, 2020 exams have been cancelled. Students will be contacted directly by College Board regarding rescheduling dates and refunds.
- **ACT** – The District has been notified that the April 4, 2020 exam is postponed until June 13, 2020 and July 18, 2020. Students will be contacted directly by ACT regarding rescheduling dates and further instructions.
- **Online and Supplementary Instructional Materials** – Parents have begun receiving work from their child's teacher. The use of online instruction will be increasing over the next two weeks district-wide. If you do not hear from appropriate classroom teacher, please email the building principal.
- **School Calendar** – We are still awaiting legal interpretation and state guidance regarding the April 2020 recess period. However, as I announced earlier, the Governor stated that all snow and vacation days must be used by districts in order to be eligible for the 180 waiver.

- **Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch** – The District’s plan to provide grab and go breakfast and lunch has been approved by the State. These meals will be available beginning Monday, March 30, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and served curbside by the high school cafeteria.
- **Grades 3-8 ELA Assessments** – The assessments have been rescheduled for March 30, 2020 – April 8, 2020. Additional information will be forthcoming and no assessments will be given without our school community being advised in advance. However, these dates will most likely change.
- **Grades 3-8 Math Assessments** – The assessments have been rescheduled for April 24, 2020 – May 5, 2020. Additional information will be forthcoming and no assessments will be given without our school community being advised in advance.
- **CSE, CPSE and 504 Meetings** – All meetings will be rescheduled when school resumes. You will be contacted by the Office of Special Education when we return.
- **Students’ Personal Belongings** – Parents should email their building principal if they need to pick up an essential belonging.

During the closure, there will be no utilization of any District facilities and all events are cancelled, including athletics. Any extension to this closure will be communicated to you through School Messenger and District website. Should the District be closed beyond this period, we will provide you with more information.

Sincerely,



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