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Dear Westhill Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff:

As has become the predictability of uncertainty, the school calendar, as we knew it to be, is no longer. I'm sure by now, you've heard the news reports of the newest changes. While no one wishes to postpone or cancel the April break week, the directive from the Governor's office and State Education is clear.

In light of the Governor's latest executive order, the break week of April 6-10 will instead be a week of instruction. I remain hopeful that the break will occur at a date yet to be determined, based upon state and local conditions. That, however, rests in the power of the Governor and NYS Education Department. As has been the case for the past several weeks, conditions change quickly, and I expect will continue for the foreseeable future. The health of students, staff, and the Westhill community is paramount.

The Governor has been clear that decisions about school closures and instruction will be reevaluated every two weeks. At this writing, Westhill Central Schools will remain closed until April 15, 2020.

Schools across the state are being directed to continue learning opportunities, provide meals to eligible children, and provide updated information about child-care within the county.

For questions about the continuity of instruction, please talk with your child's teacher(s) or by calling the building principal. For Child Care information, please call Child Care Solutions at 315-446-1220. For meal information please call 315-426-3272. Our staff stands ready to meet that call.

I know how challenging this new learning environment is for everyone, and not one of our choosing. Your continued resilience and Westhill spirit are inspiring and together; we will all get through this. Students, you are doing an amazing job and we are all very proud of you!

May the coming days bring you good health and the loving support of family and friends, albeit from 6' apart!

Sincerely,

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