



# PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good morning Hornet parents,

Opinion about the correct interpretation of the Governor's executive order regarding school closure was initially mixed, specifically as it concerned whether NYS school districts' scheduled April recesses would be cancelled or not.

Recently, the NYS Education Department clarified that, indeed, the Governor expects that remote instruction will continue through any scheduled school recesses. Certainly, the Governor possesses significant authority at all times -- much less periods of crisis -- but this declaration was surprising to school personnel and administration, as it would appear to override existing collectively-bargained agreements and local Board of Education action.

Naturally, our district will comply with any directives advanced by the Governor and/or the State Education Department, and we are in the process of determining if our current remote instruction plan will simply continue, unchanged, throughout our planned recess, or whether some alternate programming will be introduced. More information about how our district will comply with this executive order will follow.

In the meantime, I strongly encourage parents to contact building or district administration if they have questions. Social media platforms are useful for some things (and as a related point, we are currently celebrating Hornet Spirit Week on the district's Facebook page!), but they may not be your best source for news, facts, or accurate information. I recommend that parents rely on district personnel, such as Principals, for such.

Best,

Jay Lebrun  
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#### MISSION

*Our mission is to educate each student of the Plattsburgh City School District by creating challenging, supportive, and interactive learning*

*that advances intellectual, physical, social, and cultural development.*