## UNIONDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Uniondale Community and Staff:

As you know, Governor Cuomo ordered that all schools in New York State remain closed through April 15<sup>th</sup>, which falls during the Spring Recess (4/9-4/17). We have received specific clarification of the Governor's Executive Order from the New York State Education Department stating that districts must continue to provide the mandatory provisions of remote instruction for students, continue the breakfast and lunch program for scholars, and child care to children of essential workers during this period.

The District is cognizant of the days of religious observance occurring between 4/9 - 4/17, specifically Thursday, 4/9 and Friday, 4/10, however, the Executive Order obligates the District to ensure that our scholars remain engaged in distance learning. Nevertheless, we recognize that many members of our educational community have obligations related to religious observances during this period. Teachers will continue to provide assignments/learning opportunities, however, scholars, parents, and staff are respectfully asked to be considerate of everyone's religious obligations as staff and scholars may be less accessible during these religious observance days.

I know we are all anxious to get back to what we would consider our 'normal' routines. However, it is more important than ever that we follow the established guidelines for social distancing. Of course, that does not mean that we don't interact - it means we just do it a bit differently!

As I learn more information in the days and weeks ahead regarding the school calendar, school budget vote and trustee election, Regents Examinations and other related items, you will continue to be apprised. Please take good care of yourselves, your families and each other!

Stay safe and be well,

Dr. William K. Lloyd

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