



# Binghamton City School District

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Dear Binghamton Families,

Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo made the decision to close schools for the remainder of the academic year. While this decision was not unexpected, it is devastating knowing that our students won't return to school this year. However, there is no greater priority than the safety and health of our school community. We are currently awaiting the executive order associated with the announcement so that we can determine the official last day of remote instruction. We will communicate that information to families as soon as possible.

Distance learning in the Binghamton City School District is growing stronger every day, and we will continue to persevere through the coming weeks with positivity and resilience. I'm proud of our faculty and staff's ongoing work to make the virtual education experience as enriched and meaningful as possible. I'm equally proud of the way our students have been striving to stay engaged, and of our families' efforts to help their children succeed. Please continue to applaud your child's hard work, while also motivating and challenging them to build on their existing skills and knowledge.

All events scheduled to take place at school facilities are cancelled for the remainder of the school year. Details of Binghamton High School's prom and graduation are still to be determined. We understand that, for seniors and their families, this is not the ending to their high school careers that they had imagined or hoped for. We share their disappointment. We are committed to doing everything we can to celebrate our seniors, and give them the best possible send off as they embark on their bright futures.

We remain dedicated to providing the highest level of education and support, and staying closely connected to our students and families while we are physically apart. For now, we will miss them terribly, and love them from a distance. We look forward to a joyous reunion, and having our students back in our schools, where they belong.

With Patriot Pride,

Dr. Tonia Thompson  
Superintendent of Schools

*Educating, empowering and challenging all students to become  
productive, global citizens through innovative approaches to learning.*