



## Hamburg Central School District

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Dear Hamburg Central School District Families,

I hope everyone remains safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the last day of instruction for all students for the 2019-2020 academic year in the Hamburg Central School District will be on Friday, June 12, 2020. Also important is that Friday, May 22, 2020 has been required by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo to be a regular day of instruction for all students.

Beginning on March 18, 2020, and continuing through this past week, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued Executive Orders that have required every school district in Erie County to make significant adjustments to their school calendars as it relates to days of instruction for students. In summary, the Governor required that all vacation days, including Spring Recess and the Friday before Memorial Day, be used for student learning. Memorial Day (Monday) is a federal holiday and there will be no instruction on that day.

We also know that students want to know when they will have access to our school buildings to retrieve personal belongings and to return district owned books, Chromebooks, uniforms and other items. We will communicate that information once we have developed a plan to do so safely according to the physical distancing requirements established by the Governor.

We take great pride in continuing to serve the needs of the children and families of the Hamburg Central School District during this historic public health crisis:

- We successfully transformed from an “all bricks” to an “all clicks” operation literally overnight.
- We continued to serve children and families with critical emotional and mental health support.
- We made arrangements for free/low cost child care to the families of health care workers.
- We distribute approximately 6,600 meals every week to families since the beginning of our school closure.

We all know that providing learning, meals and emotional support at a distance outside of our school buildings is not a long term model for public education. However, doing so for three months under very difficult circumstances has only happened because of the incredible efforts of our families, students, school staff and administrators.

I will continue to communicate with you as the circumstances require. Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Cornell  
Superintendent of Schools