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Dear SCSD Families:

Over the last two weeks, our Administrative Cabinet has been meeting regularly to monitor and plan around the quickly evolving COVID-19 epidemic. Today, the Cabinet met to discuss a number of issues, including the potential impact of the COVID-19 virus on our students, staff, and community. We all agreed that **our overarching goal is to mitigate exposure to the COVID-19 virus** in order to keep our schools open as long as possible. Keeping in mind the recommendations from the NYS Department of Health, that social distancing can slow down the spread of this contagious virus, we are canceling or postponing the following events:

Cancelled: High School Trip to Spain, High School Trip to Washington, DC, Odyssey of the Mind State Competition in Binghamton

Postponed (to an undetermined future date): Senior Pasta Dinner and Sophomore Circus, the Elementary PTC Family Reading Night, NYSPHSAA Hockey Championships, and the Environmental Club field trip to the Adirondacks.

On Monday, I will meet with Administration to discuss additional upcoming events. As events are cancelled or postponed, we will send communication via School Messenger and post the information on our District website.

In addition to the events above, we have decided to declare **Friday**, **March 20**th a regular school day for staff and students. It is no longer a Superintendent's Conference Day. In the event of a school closure, we believe it is important to have as many instructional days with our students as possible.

Finally, we have prepared responses to some **Frequently Asked Questions**. We realize that this is a difficult time and hope that the attached information gives you some comfort.

Please feel free to contact my office with any additional questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jeffrey Bryant

Interim Superintendent of Schools