



**Genesee Community Charter School**  
**at the Rochester Museum & Science Center**

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March 14, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

Dear Families,

As I shared with you yesterday, information continues to change by the day, hour, even minute. Here are the latest updates from our region as of 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14th:

1. RMSC and the Preschool closed for two weeks beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13th.
2. A second confirmed case was identified and confirmed for a 60 year old woman who works for the Greece Central School District.
3. Monroe County Schools are all closed until further notice (announced by Adam Bello, Monroe County Executive) and a State of Emergency for Monroe County has been declared.
4. RCSD has also closed until further notice.

**Therefore, Genesee Community Charter School is also closed for students as of March 16th until further notice.**

We are still responsible for the health, safety, and learning for your children. Therefore, please read the following important information:

Food Service

- Our caterer, Julia, is graciously willing and able (as a small business) to provide breakfast and lunch to our students who qualify for free or reduced priced meals.
- At this moment, the school plans to make these meals available for pick up or delivery twice a week and the food provided would cover the students for the week.
- If you qualify for free or reduced priced meals and are interested in this meal service, please contact Michelle Henry immediately ([mhenry@gccschool.org](mailto:mhenry@gccschool.org)). We need to have time to plan for this service so we are asking for you to contact her by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16th. Once we have the number of participants, we will follow up with additional logistical information.
- PLEASE HOLD OFF ON SENDING IN APRIL MENUS (originally due by March 25th) as we do not know when we will return to school right now.
- If you paid fully or partially for meals in March, we will provide you with refund checks when our building is open again.

Medication

- We will safely keep medication locked in the school building while school is closed.
- Please email Maureen Milke as soon as possible if you need to pick up medication. We will provide families with a time to pick up medication.

Home Learning

- Now is the time to open those Emergency Home Learning Packets! Find the packet with a cover letter from the school that provides families with important information. First grade families, your packets went home without the school information. They will be arriving by mail in the next day or two.
- Emergency packets are large manilla envelopes with an emergency home learning label on the outside. Some grades brought envelopes home in their backpacks while others will receive them in the mail within the next couple of days.

#### Communication

- Staff will likely be meeting on Monday to discuss communication and learning plans going forward.
- PLEASE stay on top of email and facebook pages (if you participate). We will post public information on our website, but most information will be shared via email from teachers and the school.
- More communication plans will be coming soon!

#### Family Support

Thank you all for your support over the last few weeks. It has been a huge challenge navigating a crisis like this, but I have had full faith in the staff, families, and Board of Trustees that we WILL get through this together. I know many of you have asked how you can help our small school community. We will be in touch with the Family Association and Classroom Parent Coordinators to determine the best ways to support each other during this difficult time.

Please take care and we'll be in touch soon.

Sincerely,

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