

Webutuck Central School District

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Dear Webutuck Community,

This afternoon, I participated in a phone conference with Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro, his emergency response team and superintendents from school districts throughout Dutchess County. These conference calls updating us on the latest information that the County Executive can share are occurring on a scheduled weekly basis.

In an effort to keep our community informed as to the latest updates on the COVID-19 in our County, I share some excerpts from today's phone conference with Executive Molinaro:

- The number of quarantine cases in the county has increased. We are transitioning to a broader focus on self-isolation when possible, medical assistance for those in need, minimizing transmission through social distancing and following the Governor's orders.
- The County is preparing emergency shelter facilities for populations who will require that assistance.
- Governor's current directive closes schools until April 1st with the very likelihood that this will last well into late April.
- Tri-State Closure of restaurants, bars and other facilities. They can continue to provide takeout, curbside, and delivery is allowed.
- The County has not yet issued orders to close daycare centers.
- We have submitted all emergency supply requests, as updates become available we will advise.
- Dutchess County was included in Connecticut's disaster declaration so our businesses will be able to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans.
- Ramping up healthcare and other services to vulnerable populations. Please consider how your entities can be of assistance. County point of contact forthcoming regarding clearing house of community-based resources and volunteer opportunities.
- **County-wide Tele-phone Town Hall -**
 - **5:30PM, Wednesday March 18th**
 - **Residents will be able to call in by dialing 845-765-7121**

Please take note of the County-wide Tele-phone Town Hall to be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 18. Also, please refer to the FAQ Flyer and Anti-Discrimination Flyer that the County has asked to be posted on our District website at www.webutckschools.org

I pledge to continue to update you as often as possible as information is shared with me. As we all are experiencing, this situation is extremely fluid and rapidly changing. I appreciate much of the positive feedback we are receiving as a District, and I completely understand some of the concerns being expressed. I ask that we remain supportive and work as a community. Together, we will get through this difficult time!

Respectfully,

Raymond Castellani
Superintendent of Schools