March 21, 2020

Dear Bulldog Families:

I hope that all of you are healthy and doing well. As part of our commitment to keep you regularly updated about the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on our School District, please review the information below.

On Friday, Governor Cuomo issued a new Executive Order which further limited non-essential travel in our State. In accordance with that Order, the scheduled sessions for student access to our schools, which were to take place on Monday, are cancelled. Going forward, access to both of our schools will be significantly limited, until further notice. If your child(ren) have an urgent need to access an essential item in our schools, please email me directly at walkerste@swcsd.org, and we will make arrangements to have the item delivered to you.

Also on Friday, the New York State Education Department suspended the State Assessments for students in Grades 3-8, as well as the NYSESLAT Assessment for English Language Learners and the Alternate Assessment. We have not yet received any information about any changes to the Regents Exam schedule.

Thank you for your support and flexibility as we respond to these rapidly-changing circumstances. As always, we will keep the health and safety of our students, staff and communities at the center of our decision-making.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen A. Walker
Superintendent of Schools

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