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Dear Panama Community;

I am writing about the COVID-19 situation that has been rapidly evolving in our region, state and country. We have been in continual contact with local and state health officials and the New York State Department of Education as the situation has progressed, keeping the health and safety of students, staff and the community as our top priority.

Based on the Chautauqua County Health Department recommendation to school districts the Panama Central School District will be closed to students effective Tuesday March 17, 2020 until further notice. The main purpose of this recommendation is to slow the potential spread of this virus among students and the community by promoting and practicing social distancing and avoiding large gatherings of people.

These are challenging times for all, but the school district is dedicated to serving and assisting families as best we can. Here are some important factors as we head into our extended school closure:

1. Our school district and all programs will be closed to students beginning Tuesday March 17, 2020.
2. We will develop a plan to assist parents and families in need of school lunches and other assistance. Please see the district website or Facebook page for a digital survey to provide the district with your meal and internet needs.
3. We will develop instructional and educational activities for our students at an age and subject appropriate manner.
4. We will continue to monitor the health department recommendations and provide that information to our district residents.
5. Staff members will be available throughout the closure to assist students and families to support student work, answer questions and assist in the continuity of learning as best we can.
6. Parents may contact the school if they need to pick up medications. Please call Laura Holmburg at 716-782-4472 to make arrangements.

We appreciate the community's support throughout these challenging times. We will continue to be proactive in keeping our students, staff and community safe, however these plans may be adjusted or changed. Our School Messenger system will be utilized to get information to our families. Also, please follow our social media platforms ie. Website, Facebook page or Twitter for information or changes as they become available. Please make every effort to follow Department of Health guidelines to take care of yourself and your family.

Sincerely,



Bert Lictus
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