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Dear New Paltz Parents and Guardians,

At the direction of the Ulster County Executive, our schools are closed for the next two weeks. It is possible that the closure will last longer, implicating various New York State Education Department requirements. Among those is the 180 day minimum school year requirement.

We have been advised that school districts may seek a waiver of that requirement under certain conditions. One such condition obliges districts to exhaust any available emergency and vacation days before a waiver will be entertained.

Accordingly and as odd as it may seem to break during a closure, we are changing the date of spring break, now scheduled for April 6- April 10<sup>th</sup>. Instead that break will be scheduled to begin on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and end on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Again, we are doing so to best position the District to respond to state education requirements.

This change will not affect essential food services. These will continue.

Sincerely,

*Bernard Josefsberg*