

March 16, 2020

Dear West Babylon Families,

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Last night, I shared our decision to close as a precautionary measure for one week. This morning Suffolk Superintendents and County officials had several conference calls that led to additional guidance and closure mandates.

Suffolk County Executive Bellone ordered all Suffolk County schools to be closed for a period of two weeks beginning Monday, March 16 - March 27, 2020. Please know that adjustments to our calendar including scheduled school recess days will occur after we receive guidance from the New York State Education Department. Executive Bellone's order allows for employees to come into the building for planning purposes and to take care of essential duties. As such, we are in the process of coordinating additional building cleaning, providing additional instructional packets and processing essential operational tasks. Information regarding access to these packets, food distribution and future calendar changes will be sent in follow-up emails.

Rest assured, we will continue to update you regularly via email and by adding information to the coronavirus file on our district website [www.wbschools.org](http://www.wbschools.org). I fully recognize the hardship that school closures cause families and appreciate your understanding. Please stay safe and practice the social distancing recommendations made by the Department of Health. Thank you for your patience throughout these times.

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