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To the NY Mills Union Free School District Community:

The District continues to actively monitor news regarding COVID-19. We continue to rely on the guidance of the Oneida County Health Department, New York State Department of Health, and the New York State Education Department. District administrators also attended a pandemic preparation workshop with area school and Oneida County leaders today.

Following communication with the NYS Department of Health, coordination from County Executive Picente, OHM BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Kilburn and the regions school superintendents, the decision was made to cancel school and all extracurricular activities beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, with schools re-opening on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus for students, staff, and the communities at large.

This closure will result in the loss of 15 days in addition to the scheduled spring break. During this closure, school personnel will continue to coordinate efforts in the best interest of our students. Further communication regarding these services will be shared as soon as possible. To that end, although students will not report to school as of Monday, March 16th, all staff is to report as scheduled.

The New York State Education Department will work with the Governor's Office, the NYS Department of Health, and the U.S. Education Department to provide guidance to the school district around issues such as instruction and testing.

According to information received today, if you have been directly or indirectly exposed to someone who has been tested or quarantined for COVID-19, you are to contact your primary health physician and your local health department.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available. As always the health and safety of our students remains at the forefront of every decision made.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
Joanne Shelmidine, Ed. D.