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March 13, 2020

Dear Half Hollow Hills Community,

As we navigate these unprecedented times, we would like to begin by thanking our staff, parents and students for their resolve, compassion for others and value of our beloved schools.

We have been monitoring the current health crisis in terms of our District, County, State and beyond, and while we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 of any staff member or student in Half Hollow Hills, our concern for our community at large is heightened.

As of this moment, New York State has not changed its guidance for school closings even though we are now operating under a state of emergency in Suffolk County. We would like to commend the work of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in helping to contain the spread of this virus and care for those in need.

Out of an abundance of caution and concern for our community at large, we are making the following changes to the Half Hollow Hills Central School District calendar. In hopes of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community, schools will be closed for students from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020.

- Monday, March 16, 2020 will be a Superintendent's Conference Day for staff only. No students should report to school.
- All schools will be closed for *Spring Recess* from Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020.
- All school activities including athletics will be cancelled during this time period.
- Schools will reopen Monday, March 30, 2020.
- Schools will be in session Monday, April 13, 2020 through Friday, April 17, 2020.
- Schools will be in session Friday, May 22, 2020 and Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

In light of the fluid nature of this health crisis, further adjustments may be necessary going forward and we will communicate them via email directly from the District. We understand the hardship the closing of schools has on our students and families and appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Harrigan".

Patrick Harrigan, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Eric Geringswald
Board of Education President