

ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING • 215 MAIN STREET • ISLIP, NEW YORK 11751 • (631) 650-8210 • FAX (631) 650-8218

ELLEN SEMEL, Ph.D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MARCH 17, 2020 UPDATES

As the Islip School District continues to navigate the uncharted and ever-changing waters of the coronavirus pandemic, we will strive to provide timely updates to our community. These will be posted in the “scroll” on the District website, and social media notices will be sent once an update is live.

Here is what you need to know today:

- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has signed an executive order directing all schools in New York to close until Wednesday, April 1st. This will extend the closure directed by County Executive Bellone over the weekend by two days.
- Starting on Wednesday, March 18th, our Department of Food & Nutrition will offer an emergency feeding program for all district students. Families with students registered in the district may pick up ‘grab and go’ breakfasts and lunches at Islip High School (2508 Union Boulevard) cafeteria, Mondays-Fridays, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All children aged 1-18 living in an Islip household are eligible for meals. Please see the letter linked on the [Coronavirus Information page](#) for full details.
 - You may drive or walk up to the distribution site, located at the HS cafeteria. Please enter campus through the western gate on Union Boulevard near the entrance to Buccaneer Stadium, and then proceed through the student parking lot to the doors near the HS cafeteria, exiting campus through the eastern gate.
 - Any questions about this program should be directed to Andrew Bromm, Office of Food and Nutrition Manager, at abromm@islipufsd.org
- Even though our schools are closed to teachers and students, members of our essential administrative team will be reporting to their offices and/or working remotely to keep the district running. Due to limited staffing and access, however, some requests, such as those for official transcripts or student records, will not be able to be fulfilled at this time. Unofficial transcripts can be sent. Phone calls to some offices may go unanswered, as well. If you need to contact any staff members, check the [online Staff Directory](#) for an email address. Please understand that our aim is to keep all of our Islip family safe and healthy.

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

The Islip School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to: Title IX Coordinator and/or Section 504 Coordinator. Location: Central Administration Building, 215 Main Street, Islip, New York 11751.

- The Guidance Department will be sending out information on Advanced Placement (AP) exams when it becomes available. The May SAT has been cancelled. If your student registered for the April ACT, please check your email for information regarding changing your registration to the June or July administration date.
- Distance learning packets for elementary students may be found on the [Elementary Distance Learning eBoard](#) on the District website. This site will be updated with work for students, and parents will be notified as more information becomes available.
- Hard copies of work packets are not yet available. We anticipate these will be ready for Monday, March 23rd. Information regarding pick up location of these materials will be sent as soon as plans are finalized.
- A number of local and national businesses are extending offers to students and families to help facilitate learning and alleviate economic impacts during this time. We encourage you to share anything you hear that might help others through social media and other channels so your friends, neighbors, and others in the community may benefit. Islip is a unique and special place, and we know that together we will get through this!