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**Dr. Edwin M. Quezada**  
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Dear Yonkers Public Schools Students and Families,

Over the past several weeks the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic in our community, our nation and the world has challenged each of us personally. It has been difficult for everyone in our learning community, especially your children. Because of social distancing everyone has had to develop new routines at home to provide for your child's education while schools are closed. Teachers and administrators offer remote instruction and provide hard copies of materials when requested. Communication with educators through email and other digital platforms has now become the norm. Rest assured that the Yonkers Public Schools are in this journey with you.

The District has a critically important role in maintaining stability in this community not only for our 27,000 children and their families, also for the entire Yonkers community.

On March 27, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.11, to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to flatten the curve on the spread of this virus. **This order requires all schools to remain closed until April 15, 2020, at which time the continued closure shall be re-evaluated. The order also requires that school districts continue distance learning, distribution and availability of meals, and childcare, with an emphasis on serving children of essential workers, and continue these services during any remaining vacation or snow days, including the upcoming Spring Recess.**

Therefore, the District is unable to go forward with Spring Recess as scheduled. **Yonkers Public Schools will be operational Monday, April 6 through Monday, April 13, 2020.** Distance teaching and learning as well as remote related services will continue during this time. Grab N Go breakfast and lunch will be available every day at the eight designated schools. Childcare will also continue to be provided.

The District acknowledges and respects the religious days that are part of this upcoming period. While we are directed to continue distance learning, no student will be penalized for observing their religious holiday. Please note that some teachers may also be observing the religious holidays and may not be available, therefore, check the teachers schedule on their school-based page.

As of this date, school buildings will remain closed to students and staff through Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Working together and helping each other, we will get through these difficult times.

Sincerely,  
  
Edwin M. Quezada

C: President Rev. Steve Lopez, Vice President Judith Ramos Meier and  
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