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DCS Families, a couple of updates and reminders this week:

- 1) You may have heard that the governor is requiring schools to continue instruction and food service during the week of 4/6-4/10. This was our originally scheduled spring break. Because of the mandate, your child's teachers will continue to provide learning opportunities throughout next week. They will also check in with students to maintain communication. Building principals and teachers will be reaching out with more information about how we'll continue to move forward during this period of remote instruction.
- 2) We continue to wait for information about Regents exams. We are hoping to hear something in the next few days. Stay tuned. I'm also expecting that the governor will make the determination to extend/not extend the school closure by April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will report that information to you as soon as we have it.
- 3) Despite the fact that we are dealing with the COVID crisis, we continue to work on regular school district tasks; one of these being the development of the budget for 2020-2021. Because of the uncertain fiscal situation in NYS, developing a budget that meets the needs of all of our stakeholders is a challenge to say the least. Please know that we will continue to monitor the situation and work hard to put forth a budget that is not only fair, but also maintains important programs for students.

A few reminders:

- 1) If you need assistance with food during these difficult times, you can apply for SNAP by visiting this website: <https://www.ny.gov/services/apply-snap?fbclid=IwAR1ZbKgGpqZ2bsfWWLspsiVnhlQjTJIMV3esDobK8OZhE-IL6VSYmxOa3m0> You can also apply for free school meals here: [https://www.myschoolapps.com/?fbclid=IwAR1Drl2t4U1-qMDGZK57Xt4hqeflWISXw9Bvaa22oRmQd0uJQKTPn9a\\_7dM](https://www.myschoolapps.com/?fbclid=IwAR1Drl2t4U1-qMDGZK57Xt4hqeflWISXw9Bvaa22oRmQd0uJQKTPn9a_7dM)

You can also contact Julia Wheeler for assistance with any need you may have during this time. 607-221-3977

- 2) If you are having technical issues with a Chromebook or program, you can call our BOCES tech. hotline at 607-766-3800. When you call, you'll be asked to verify the student's name, date of birth, grade level and building.

BOCES has also created a School Closure Technology Support for Students and Families website, which can be accessed

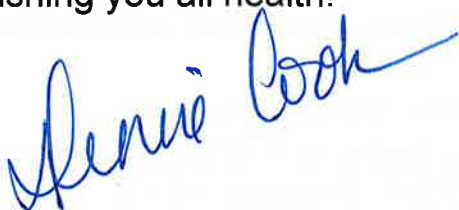
at <https://sites.google.com/bt.../school-closure-technology-supp/>

This page gives families information and assistance on how to utilize MyApps, Google, Schoology and other remote learning tools while students attend school remotely.

Finally, we know that you are juggling many things in your homes right now; working from home, parenting, teaching, cleaning, cooking...all of it. We know you need a little downtime with your family and I hope you're able to find some in the upcoming week.

If you need help, we have many resources for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your building principal or Julia Wheeler at 607-221-3977.

Wishing you all health!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.