March 13, 2020 (New Hartford, N.Y.) – In communication with the New York State Department of Health, and coordination with the Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Patricia N. Kilburn and the superintendents of the OHM BOCES component districts made a collective decision to cancel school and 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.

The total closures affect OHM BOCES and 11 of its component school districts: Clinton, Holland Patent, New Hartford, New York Mills, Oriskany, Remsen, Sauquoit Valley, Utica, Waterville, Westmoreland and Whitesboro. The Brookfield Central School District, within Madison County, is awaiting a determination to close at this time.

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 communications regarding services will be shared with families as appropriate.

The New York State Education Department continues to work with the Governor’s Office, the NYS Department of Health and the U.S. Department of Education to provide guidance to our schools around issues such as instruction and testing.

As this situation evolves, we will continue to work with the New York State Department of Health and the County Executive’s Office and will provide updates as they become available.

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