



Board of Ed COVID-19 Update

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Ramapo Indian Hills Regional H.S. District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, the Board introduced and passed a resolution to not restrict travel for extracurricular events over the next couple of weeks, giving the parents the choice on whether to allow their children to attend based on their fact base and personal judgement.

Since the Board Meeting, the situation has evolved significantly – in fact, just Wednesday:

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a global pandemic as the coronavirus rapidly spreads across the world
- New York has created a “containment zone” limiting large gatherings to halt the spread of the virus
- Many Universities moving to virtual learning models for students or cancelling classes
- Rutgers has shut down all athletic events at their facilities
- The NCAA Men’s and Women’s tournament will be closed to fans
- The NBA has cancelled the rest of its season.
- The Presidential address has suspended travel from Europe to reduce viral transmission.

Given these new facts and the exponential increases in cases around the area, the RIH Board approved today in an Emergency session the following resolution.

Given current containment efforts that are occurring throughout the State and Country and out of abundance of caution, the most prudent response is to suspend travel for all board authorized staff travel and all board authorized student field trips through April 15, 2020. Interscholastic sporting events and school competitive academic teams will continue in accordance with the direction from their respective governing bodies.

The Board will continue to monitor these developments, and will re-evaluate this situation at the April 13, 2020 work session.

The Board also discussed the operation of school itself and the pros/cons of voluntarily shutting down the school vs being closed by an outside authority. At this point, a decision was made to continue normal operations while continuing to take direction from State and Local Boards of Health. We are prepared to take additional emergency actions if the need arises.

Our Superintendent, Beverly McKay, has already alerted you to the preparations that were conducted in cleaning procedures at the school and teachers have been working to develop a virtual school day schedule should we need to implement across the district.

As always, we value the health and well-being of all students and their families and thank you for your continued support of the RIH District.

John Kinney

RIH Board President

On Behalf of the RIH Regional High School Board

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