



March 15, 2020

Dear Families of the Alden Community:

In accordance with the Erie County Executive recommendation that people avoid large gatherings of more than 50 people, and in light of the declaration of multiple States of Emergency, the Alden Central School District, along with all Erie County school districts, will be closed until April 20, 2020. During the week of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will reassess the actual return date. While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our School District, this closure is being done to mitigate the spread of the virus. We don't make this decision lightly but do so with our partners in government and districts across the region.

This closing includes all school-related activities including sports, all extracurricular activities, and all community activities within the schools.

As an organization, we have been discussing the need to pause our instructional program for the last several weeks. Through this initial planning:

- Our educators will engage all of our students in learning during the period that we are closed using tools and strategies that are consistent with our District goals and objectives.
- We have developed an Alternate School Meal Program for our students who qualify for Free and Reduced Price Lunch.
- We have also developed a plan to remain in contact with our students who are most reliant on the social and emotional health supports that our schools provide.
- We will continue to sanitize each school building and bus so that we are ready to safely welcome students and staff back when this public health crisis is no longer a threat to our community.

COVID-19 information and resources can be found on the Alden Central School website at [www.aldenschools.org](http://www.aldenschools.org), or by typing <https://www.aldenschools.org/covid-19> in your web browser. This site will be continually updated with new information for everyone throughout the closure. If you know of a family that does not have internet access, please ask them to contact their child's building level principal.

The Erie County Health Department and school leaders throughout the county continue to meet and discuss this fluid situation on a day to day basis and I will provide updates to our community accordingly.

I know that the relationship that we've built over the years will help us through this very difficult time. The Alden Central School District will do everything possible to assist our students, families, and community as we work together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Stoltman', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Adam Stoltman  
Superintendent of Schools