



March 16, 2020

Dear Families of the Alden Community:

As you already know, at this time the Alden Central School District will be closed through April 20, 2020.

Our building principals will be sending home a letter with information about home study materials that will allow for a continuation of instruction. Home study materials will be available online through links on the District and building web pages. I have learned that Spectrum is offering free broadband and Wi-Fi access for sixty (60) days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription. For more information, please call 1-844-488-8395. Information related to receiving a paper packet will be shared in the letter from your child's school building principal. Again, these materials will help with the continuity of instruction during this school closure.

The Alden Central Schools' Food Services program will have a single point breakfast and lunch distribution center at our High School, 13190 Park Street, Alden, NY 14004. If needed, we are also establishing a delivery service for students/families who are unable to travel to the High School. Meals will be available from 9:00 am - 11:00 am Mondays (meals for Mon., Tues., Wed.) and Thursdays (meals for Thurs.-Fri.). Children do not need to be present in order for their meals to be provided. The student's identification number must be presented at pick up in order to receive a meal. This program will solely be for the pick-up of meals that will not be consumed on site. Additional information will be forthcoming from our Food Services Director.

We are in the process of gathering students' belongings from lockers, desks and cubbies. These possessions will be delivered to your home on Thursday morning, March 19, 2020. Please be on the lookout for one of our buses Thursday. A staff member will walk the items to your door for you. Individual building level nurses will communicate directly with families who have medication stored within our schools that needs to be picked up.

Throughout the duration of the COVID-19 crisis, we will continue to make regular updates through the phone system, the school website, our school social media accounts, and e-mail. There are many rumors circulating and some fake social media posts. Do not consider anything to be accurate unless it is from an official, verified source.

We thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support. I am confident that by working together and following the recommendations of the local Health Department, we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Adam Stoltman
Superintendent of Schools