

Members of the Rensselaer City School District Community,

The school felt empty without the students around today. We miss them already!

Thanks go out to our entire non-instructional crew that pulled together as a team and cleaned all day. The building will be spotless and completely disinfected in no time. We will continue that process for a little while.

Many students and parents have heard from our teachers already. We expect that communication to remain constant. Our teachers worked to find plenty of resources and more creative ways to engage our kids from home today. You may have seen examples on our Facebook page.

The Jr/Sr high packets went in the mail today and the elementary packets will go out tomorrow. That was a lot of folders!

With the first confirmed COVID-19 case in the county today, we are afraid that closures and isolation may escalate quickly. We need to ask that if you need any more personal items, please be sure to retrieve them by Wednesday. We will need to reduce foot traffic in the building.

We did solidify the [lunch delivery routes](#). So far, we only have 110 requests for lunch. Please be sure to call and sign up! We would be happy to feed every student. See the attached schedule for drop off times.

We also are happy to report that we plan to continue the backpack program through the lunch delivery routes on Fridays! Our team is doing a great job of coordinating any services that they can to help kids.

Please keep practicing social distancing and washing your hands. We all need to work together to make sure these unprecedented efforts are effective.

Joseph Kardash

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