

**Members of the Rensselaer City School District Community,**

**We served 285 student lunches today and already have more signed up for Monday. If you haven't already signed up, please see the [information sheet](#). We would love to feed ALL the kids in Rensselaer. Don't be shy!**

**Our reduction of traffic and bodies in the building was just in time for the governor's announcement today about working at home. Only employees essential to our lunch and backpack programs are scheduled to come into the building. Please do not plan to come to the building and retrieve anything at this point. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

**We received a bunch of packets returned from the post office this afternoon. That may explain why some parents did not receive packets. We will try to sort that out as soon as possible. Please reach out directly to your teacher and see what resources they have for you.**

**We were informed today that all 3-8 tests have been waived for this year. With everything else going on, it certainly would not be fair to test anyone in this environment. We can keep our focus on parent-student-teacher relationships and new ways of practicing independent learning.**

**Daily communication from the district this week has been a priority as there are far more questions than answers during this time. Moving forward we will plan to continue frequent communication from your building principals. This messaging will concentrate on instructional and learning resources. We need to keep our eye on the ball for our students. Our mission is to maximize learning opportunities and our teachers, parents and students will find a way to succeed.**

**It is important to remember that when we deliver meals, everyone should practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart while waiting. Don't forget to wash your hands. We all need to work together to make sure these unprecedented efforts are effective.**

**Joseph Kardash**

**Superintendent, Rensselaer City School District**