

Members of the Rensselaer City School District Community,

We served over 330 student lunches today and the number keeps growing. If you haven't already signed up, please see the [information sheet](#). We are working to come up with a way to serve more lunches with fewer days of delivery. When we get a plan put together, we will roll it out as soon as we can in an effort to better model social distancing.

Parents should have received communication from [VRES](#) and our [Jr/Sr High School](#) yesterday. We are trying to shift our communication from crisis updates to an instructional conversation as much as the situation allows.

At this time, our governor has not yet extended the school closure beyond April 1st, but we expect that he will soon. We are planning for a longer period of remote learning.

The situation does not lend itself to actually talking to many people. We all know that we are physically separated, but we can see by social media and by news coverage that our community growing together through this challenge in true Rensselaer fashion. It is heartwarming to see the offers of help and compliments being shared. Our kids will remember clearly how a community should support each other in the face of a challenge.

Don't forget that the YMCA is offering an option for daycare. Check our website for more information.

While we are all spending more time at home, this is a perfect time to fill out the [2020 US Census](#). Federal and state funding will flow to counties, cities, and schools based on these numbers. Every person counts! Please get counted.

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.

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