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**RE: COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dear Chittenango CSD Families:

In an effort to keep you informed, we wish to update you on developing information and the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following a briefing with county authorities on Sunday, March 15, the District has been notified that County Chairman, Mr. John Becker, has ordered a state of emergency for Madison County. This order includes the authorization to close Madison County schools for an extended period of time.

To this end, please be advised:

**In consultation with Madison County authorities, including the Department of Health, the District will enact an emergency closure beginning Tuesday, March 17 – Monday, April 13 at which time the situation would be re-assessed. Students would return to regular school attendance on Tuesday, April 14 in accordance with state and county clearance. During this period of emergency closure, all on-campus activities and events for students are postponed until further notice.**

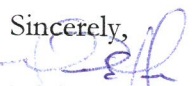
**Please note, the District will be open for regular student attendance on Monday, March 16, for the purpose of providing children necessary instructional materials for the initial days of the defined closure period.**

While we do not have all the answers for the month ahead in this moment, we do have all the commitment, resolve and community spirit needed in this very minute to meet the challenges before us. The District continues to game plan the delivery of "distance learning" or "online options" and work through the logistics of feeding our students for the duration of this closure period. Additional information and communication will come from the District in the days and weeks ahead.

Please have; faith in the professionals of the District to rise to the occasion, trust in community partners to support friends and neighbors and belief in the power of Bear Country to not only endure this challenge but shine as a community family. In just one day, we have seen countless community members, local businesses and CHS students step forward to offer their talents and support. This...this is who we are.

We will stand together, we will support one another.

**WE ARE BEAR COUNTRY...WE ARE CHITTENANGO.**

Sincerely,  
  
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