



# Marion Central School District Office

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Good Afternoon.

At the direction of the Wayne County Department of Health, aligning with the county declaring a State of Emergency, **the Wayne County School Districts, including Marion Central School District have** unanimously decided to close all schools and cancel all extra-curricular activities no later than **Wednesday, March 18, 2020**, as a mitigating and precautionary measure for COVID-19 (coronavirus).

In Marion, we are expecting **students to report for a half day on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal** in order to distribute materials for the closure period and staff will report for the full day on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and a half day on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, in order to make final preparations for the closure period. Only essential staff will be allowed in the buildings Wednesday through Friday

During this time all students and families are encouraged to practice social distancing.

**It is important to note we are not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 related to anyone associated with the Marion Central School District.**

At this time, schools are scheduled to reopen on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**. Before this occurs, the District will re-evaluate our COVID-19 response, under the guidance of the County Health Department. During the closure, we will continue to take direction from local Health Department officials. We also encourage families to continue taking steps to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19.

## **What does this mean for the Marion Central School District?**

- Teachers have been working on a structured continuity plan for several days and will be providing both paper copies and digital resources for students to work on during the closure.
- The District is implementing procedures to provide all students with breakfast and lunch. Additional information on this will be on our website as well as through a Connect-Ed call.

If you have health-related questions or concerns, please call the New York State coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065. For the most up to date and accurate information, please visit <https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>.



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Please know we do not take this decision lightly, however, the safety of our school community remains a top priority and we will continue to make decisions through that lens.

We will provide further updates as appropriate, using the tools we use for weather-related closures. You may also visit our website for more information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Bavis', written in a cursive style.

Don Bavis, Superintendent