

Canastota Central School District

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I hope you and your family are doing well as we continue to adjust to our new work and home environment during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As we move into the middle of May, we realize, particularly given the uncertainty associated with our typical end of year routine, it is important to add clarity to as many items as possible during this time of uncertainty. One of those items is the school calendar. As you will recall, schools across the state were closed effective March 18th by Executive order of the Governor. At that time, providing that districts performed essential services outlined by the Executive Order, schools would be exempt from the 180 Day requirement moving forward and until further notice.

As the scheduled April Break approached, the Governor further declared that schools should remain in session throughout the April Break by continuing the Remote Learning initiative implemented shortly after the school shutdown commenced. Canastota Central School complied with this Order, continuing to provide instructional and nutritional services to students throughout what had originally been designated as April Break. In light of this fact, and given the lack of any further clarification from the state regarding school calendar requirements, Canastota Central Schools has adjusted the end of year calendar to reflect the changes occurring over the past several months.

Please note that the last day of school for students for the 2019-20 academic year will be Tuesday, June 16th and the last day for instructional staff will be Wednesday, June 17th. **Please note that this calendar adjustment is tentative subject to New York State Education Department approval and any further Executive Orders.** Each building principal will be providing specific information regarding end of year activities and academic requirements for their particular building. Please consult with the main office in each building regarding any questions related to building specific end of year requirements. Clarification on the school nutrition distribution plan will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Again, we appreciate your support in this unconventional and challenging time. Even though many of our traditions and routines have been altered, we have every expectation that the year will conclude in a positive, productive fashion. I would like to commend our students and families as well as our staff for making the most out of a difficult situation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn D. Bissetta", written over a horizontal line.

Shawn D. Bissetta
Superintendent of Schools