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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are aware, we are facing a significant and unprecedented health crisis in the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community remains our greatest priority. The Instructional Leadership Team at Erie 1 BOCES has been collaborating on a daily basis with the Erie County Department of Health and the New York State Education Department in developing our response to this public health challenge. This has been a quickly evolving situation.

In light of the recent emergency school closures due to the spread of COVID-19, we have proactively asked our instructional staff to begin sending work packets and other relevant instructional resources/materials home with our students each day in the event of school closings. We will continue to follow this process each school day moving forward. Online learning tools will continue to remain an available option for students across E1B Instructional Services where applicable.

Please note: We have not been instructed to close schools as of this point. This is a precautionary measure being taken for the benefit of our students in the event that we are instructed to close schools.

We encourage you to monitor the Erie 1 BOCES web site for updated information regarding our plans moving forward.

Sincerely,

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