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Dear Colleagues,

In the last few weeks, the State Education Department has been working closely with the New York State Department of Health to provide every school and school district with up to date information regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to provide timely reTd [(sg)10e TJ -0.008 Tc 32.69 0 Td (.)Tj 0.003 Tc -0.003 Tw -40.23 -1.15 Td (Pu)Tj 0.004 T

¹ Note that this requirement does not apply to school closure for routine snow or weather conditions.

² Charter schools are required to meet these requirements pursuant to Education Law § 853(2), 2854(1)(b) and Commissioner's Regulation § 55.17.

The Department has a strong commitment to keeping every child in the State healthy and safe. We will continue to work with our partners in the public health community to ensure that you have access to the latest updates and guidance which will be made available via the Department's Office of [Student Support Services' Coronavirus web page](#) or the [NYS School Health Technical Assistance Center webpage](#). If you have questions about the information to be reported related to school closure, please contact the Office of Student Support Services at StudentSupportServices@nysed.gov or (518) 486-6090.

Thank you as always for your continued service to our students.

Sincerely,

Shannon L. Tahoe
Interim Commissioner

