

Audio transcription from the board meeting on March 15th 2020.

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...Rather than later, so there is no new data or information, it was more of a professional opinion of the number of doctors that were living in Fayetteville - Manlius. Peter they were willing to risk however many days of state aid? Apparently yes. They sent an email about that, the board president said they could make up the days. I don't know if this is allowed but Monday will be their superintendent's conference day so I think they moved their calendar around. Monday will be their superintendent's conference day and then Tuesday through Friday are snow days for them. So they have for snow days and a superintendent's day. Susan can I make a quick suggestion if you are not talking can you mute yourself because I'm getting a lot of pick up from other people's rooms and you're cutting out I can't hear everything everyone saying so if you're not talking if you could just mute yourself so we could hear better? I'm having trouble I'm sorry. Okay yep the mute button is on the lower left. It's like a little microphone. Okay anyways so the way they're getting around the Friday day is that they're moving their calendar days around to make up the week. I'm not even sure Peter Smith if that's an option for us. So Wendy had to ask me to quickly get a legal opinion on the use of snow days I called Suba and had a conversation with him and he is unsure if FM uses of snow days and Tuesday and Wednesday would be approved for state aid given the fact that they are not snow days and he said aid by doing that. Okay I have a clarifying question on state aid, there a hundred and eighty days that the school has to be in session or something like that and then state aid is the days that we are in session that we are paid for, is that right? Okay so that's what the risk is if we're not in session on a day that we are supposed to be then we won't get the state aid? Correct. Okay, thank you. And so one of the protections that the school has closing within the county executive's mandate, you are sitting within that hundred and eighty a waiver that was put forth by Governor Cuomo and by stepping outside of that can doing it on your own you have jeopardized state aid. Peter? Yes. What was the rationale by the county for waiting another week? Great. Good question. Three primary points. One is the data, that they do not have a case in the area and in conjunction with that recommendations from the CDC which are somewhat conflicting but recommendations from the CDC, state that in closing the school it does not necessarily reduce the spread of things. second big point was the need to provide families who need to put into place different child care situations that they may have may need time to do that and then thirdly a significant concern is that as soon as the school shuts down that the result may be up to 50% of the workforce in medical facilities will be jeopardized because they will be staying at home to take care of their kids and so is... Peter I have a question about staffing so moving forward already tonight, in my building I have 11 people that have called in sick so have you, what did your buildings experience on Friday as far as absenteeism in teachers and what do you anticipate that to look like next week? Okay so Friday was staff development day so minimum and then I have asked the principals, we had a meeting with the administrative staff this morning and I have asked them to track that and make sure that they have alternative plans in place for the likelihood that you are going to have reduced staff.. So they are all able to monitor, I can look in and start making those plans right now. So Peter this is Christine a couple questions so I think that 24 hours from now this thing is moving morning by afternoon, so CBA and MPH, they have all obviously more flexibility but one of the

things we need to think about is educating our children and do we need a day, good question Sharon, but do we need a day for kids to get in there and get all their stuff out of the lockers and bring their books home and be prepared to email with their teachers and go to Google classrooms or whatever? Do we need a day or two or what not depending the second part of this, and the part you guys left out is if there happens to be a Tompkins County, Monroe County, Herkimer County, if it happens to be a positive, the county executive emergency order goes into effect as of Wednesday. So do we need a day, do we need a business day tomorrow? Is it putting children at risk, I don't think so. Even if we have this call at tomorrow night a six and maybe we do, but do these kids need to get back and get their stuff and get all their stuff like tell me about that part because parents that are going to be home working from home, working from home, make it impossible and what do we want them screwing around for three weeks every single day, so what do you think about educating the kids in part of this and see what tomorrow night at this time brings? What do you think about that? I just stepping back a little bit the overall concern I have for kids is you know pretty tremendous I just look at us and look at how strong are we are and think about parents I guess maybe I'm the only one who strung out maybe I'm speaking for myself...no... I'm there.... I think about all the parents and all the anxiety that has to be ramped up for all kids of all ages. and so to answer your question I think a day or two would be exceptionally helpful to convey information to kids to allow them to be prepared to be better prepared for what is obviously coming. Can I just add one thing on to that we spent and Dana notes this to we spent all of Saturday administrators in the city of Syracuse spent all of Saturday packing supplies for students with the intent of being open on Monday so we could get something in their hands in case there's a closure earlier than this Friday. Have you put any of those plans into action, then also my concern is for some of our students that have, school is the most dependable part of their day right now and what have we done, have we thought at all about any work with social workers or any work with preparing students to be home, where home is not the most stable place for them. So the conversation today was finalizing the information for staff, preparing them to make sure that is necessary, so we outlined expectations for the staff with the idea that most of the work, or no we've phrased it as the first four days of closure would be delivered if possible by the end of the day on Wednesday thinking that that would be a possibility but also then if people needed more time that was fine we would figure out delivery methods for people who couldn't pick it up or or we needed to deliver work to home. so we are not quite in the same spot as the city is assembling and putting all the materials together but I think by the end of, frankly very quickly I think we are going to have stuff together teachers have been working on this diligently at all levels and it's just a question of sort of putting a bow on it. So can I just add a couple things? I think there's also a couple key components that we haven't mentioned yet. There's no penalty for parents to keep their kids home. If you want to keep your child home, keep your child home. We have no problem with that in our district, in this District, anywhere. If you're nervous if you're afraid strung out like Peter said, and a lot of us are, keep your kids home. We have to use the data in the facts that were presented yesterday at that meeting and I'm sorry Peter I'm going to speak for you for one second, Peter Smith did not make the decisions to stay open till Friday in a silo. There were several people sitting at that table including our director of Health from the county Doctor Gupta from Upstate Donna Desiato, if you know Donna Donna has been in this game for 35 years. this is not Peter sitting by himself making a decision and I think that we as a board

need to keep that in mind when we think about moving forward keep kids at home if you want I'm a scientist right, there has been no positive test yet in this County. That does not mean it's not coming. I firmly believe in my heart of hearts we will not be open all week. I do believe it is coming, but it's not today. And I will say I'm going to be a parent now for a minute. I have to work tomorrow in the schools. I don't have anywhere to bring my children. It is true hardship for some people in our district and we do have to think about those people as well. But again if you have the ability to stay home and work from home and keep your kids home then people are allowed to do that without penalty. I think to penalize the district by losing state aid with using snow days without all the appropriate information, I think we really need to think about that before we do that because Fayetteville-Manlius did it, I think we really need to... and Skaneateles, and Skaneateles, think about the ramifications of state aid. You know this is not a decision that was done in a silo and I really don't think we are going to be here till Friday. I'm just putting that out there but I think we need to again reiterate that if people don't want to come, don't send your kid, but to make that decision for people who don't have that option I think we're kind of jumping the gun a little. I think we need to have a little more conversation around that. Oh I just want to respond to that Dana, no doubt the decisions were made based on a lot of data presented to the county executive but the issue here is this is a national pandemic and we see the exponential rate of growth in Italy in Spain in the Pacific Northwest and right here in New York you know it's in Onondaga County it's just that we just haven't tested positive so looking at it more globally do we need to participate in flattening the curve or trying to isolate or socially distance herself as an affluent district and I know we're not totally affluent like Skaneateles but don't we need to have a broader view of this so I hear what you're saying Dana I have three kids at home I know Christine you're in the same boat you're working I get it I just think there's a broader issue here it's bigger. It's like do we want to participate in flattening the curve or not and I think everyone is saying just wait until the county makes a decision which is going to be shorter than the five days which is what the guess is right? And I totally appreciate that and I get that but again you're talking about 23 districts that sat around the table and two that opted out that are in our area. Syracuse City is an anomaly all its own. We know that. That's part of why Ryan made this decision, he has too many kids that will be affected by not eating, not having a place to go and I get that but again, I just feel if you want to contribute to that and I get that, you can stay home. Nobody is telling you you can't stay home, stay home if you feel that way. I think this can do a lot of damage and I'm going to bring this out there too and I'm not trying to put pressure, but we also have all this stuff going on with Shoppingtown. I just feel like we are putting ourselves in a really really bad position if we just make this decision based on what Fayetteville-Manlius did. We have to talk more about it. okay listen I'm not making a decision because Fayetteville-Manlius did I'm telling you I'm looking at it nationally to try to quell the spread of the disease that's where my head is at? can I just ask you this? hold on hold on. Dana hold on I'm not done. Every teacher every custodian every cafeteria worker every person out Peter and Peter himself could be affected by children who are carrying the disease and are asymptomatic and so we are putting our leader, our adult leaders at risk in our district and so I don't care I just gave you the facts about FM, that they closed and they had some decision points that I shared with you I just think we could do something bigger at JD to help flatten the curve, this whole national issue that we are facing rather than... If FM didn't close, would we be having this conversation? I'm just throwing it out there, would we all still be having this

conversation if FM was still open? I would have raised the conversation because in Monroe County, I don't understand these counties and Peter didn't comment on this I don't understand why Monroe county is closed, Onondaga County is till Friday, Oswego is closed, Madison is till Wednesday. What the hell is going on with our County supervisors in Upstate New York which we all know we are touching each other and we also now know every college student from everywhere around the country is now back in her area. So you know, will Onondaga have a case, probably. Hopefully it's not a JD so I'm from a different vote but I can't sway the Board, there is nine of you, my feeling is JD should close for the good of the whole for the larger reason but I understand Dana, Christine, Sharon, if other people don't feel that way. I'm just trying to put facts on the table, I'm not saying one way or another I'm just trying to put it out there And you're saying to close by tomorrow? I mean we are going to tell people tonight we're not going to be open tomorrow is that what we're talking about? Why not, they weren't in school on Friday you know I don't know about readiness, we haven't talked to Peter, Peter has not reviewed readiness with us, I don't even know if we're able to do that. I would like to hear from some other board members though Lori you might have an opinion, Wendy, Ken what are your thoughts, we're nine people, so. Lori you have to take yourself off mute you got it? Lori you have to unmute from your computer. No we can't hear you Lori. You have to unmute from your Skype, I'm sorry, in your Zoom. there you are. can you hear me now? Yep. Lori it went out again. Okay. Better now? Okay. So the reason why Skaneateles in Jordan-Elbridge pumped up is they are aligning with Cayuga County which they belong to Cayuga- Onondaga BOCES District so I think that's why they did not follow the Onondaga County. They are in a unique situation with the BOCES that they belong to so I think that is different. the one piece that I wanted to ask subas advice, if FM is using their "snowdays" emergency days they build and 6 to their calendar so they haven't used them will they still meet the hundred eighty Days by the closing of school does that matter when when they close school whether there snow days or not. this is where it gets very unclear because they they won't meet the 180 days because some of the 180 days we are going to be closed based on the county executives session. we if we ran 180 days without a county executive closing they would have days to play with so to speak but because of the county Executives closing, from whenever that takes place until the middle of April so we will not meet those 180 days.. But you are waived from the county Executives closings, correct? You are waived from the 180 days requirement because you are closing within the county executive order. You need that court order to protect the state aid. Okay. T Right. he local order the local emergency order? Right. Have I answered your question? Got it, because he closed even though he's got those four snow days used, because it's not close with the order within the window of the order that's how he's in jeopardy. Right. Because he closed sooner than the order I got it thank you. So in my opinion we have to give at least one or two days for families to get their lives in order and for schools to get materials. I don't know I would love to hear from Will do you guys follow that a b day schedule do you feel it's necessary to me especially with graduating soon to get everything in order? Right. I was going to touch back on this can you guys hear me? okay and I think one of the biggest things was last week especially on Thursday was a very eerie day at the high school and from my experience a lot of kids are feeling the anxiety I know a couple of you had touchdown before particularly with the fact that nobody really knows this is sort of similar to what Susan is saying this is a national pandemic. we don't really know what's going to happen, even on April 14th, all these questions remain so I think, it would

be helpful and my experience, to have a day for students to acclimate themselves, talk to their teachers but conversely you know I do agree that at least a lot of the people that, I can't tell you how many texts I have gotten today asking about this, asking what do I do? And I'm like I can't tell you oh, you and your family have to make a decision for yourself obviously and that's part of the process. but we also have to do what's best for the kids and our faculty and our support staff and make sure that everybody is safe and I think at the end of today that's the priority. In my experience the teachers especially, are feeling a lot of anxiety, arguably just as much if not more than the students about what that's going to look like moving forward. We want to make sure our teachers are ready too. I don't know if it was maybe Renee that said in an email before that we need a day for teachers to get ready if they are not already so we need a way to kind of cut it halfway and find a happy medium in terms of like in my giving ourselves a day with like our students in the building to re-acclimate themselves gather their things talk with their teachers sort of call the social anxiety and also making sure that we have enough time for our teachers understanding the context of we might not make it till Friday let alone Wednesday. Those are sort of my thoughts. The biggest thing I want to touch on is Thursday was, and into this weekend, was the anxiety from the teachers and students, that was very scary and a lot of them are saying we don't really know what we want to do because you know the benefits of staying home oh, you know they are saying I might not be penalized but I'm still missing out. In the context of when you are missing a whole month of school, missing a week when you could still be there, is still a big deal. Even if you're not penalized, you are still missing the social interaction from your peers, your teachers and you're also missing out on this key setup that you will need. It is very difficult to get that over email so it's definitely a fine line that we need to walk. I would be very interested to hear if there is a happy medium that we could strike at some point. If I can just jump in will I think that I think that's a great suggestion and that might be a way to make everybody happy because I'm not sure if closing early as the right thing to do either. I hear you loud and clear. Thank you. I completely agree having three of you in my house. Tony, I firmly believe, and when we talked about social emotional help I do not believe that going to school tomorrow, based on everything we have heard, read and discussed, and we all have our professional lives in our firms and in our businesses and they're addressing it certain ways, It's all a little bit different but I really think these kids need to get in there, need to get, grab all their stuff, they need to reconnect, they need to be reassured. Peter tell me anything from the counselors and what does Paul Gasparini have to say? The counselors have been working very hard about wrapping around and putting into place Tier 1 supports for kids for all kids and then identifying especially who are under anxiety doing a lot of planning actually for this week but then also for the return and what that looks like on the return. Paul has done a great job and his staff are doing a great job putting together resources for kids. Our conversations have been primarily focused on continuity of Education. everybody has been under the presumption that we are coming back and so there has not been a lot of discussion about okay should you come back. So Peter I have a question about when we are closed are you envisioning like a distance learning model or any kind of learning model or or are you envisioning that that is closed and no connection or instruction is happening during that time? No no our definition of continuity of education is not distance learning it's going to be providing work, activities, assessments whatever you want to call it, daily work in every class in every subject for every student. So the teacher may, it's going to look different at each of the levels, but if I'm a K-8 student, odds are

good I'm going to get some forms of packets of information with expectation for each day. On Monday you are to accomplish this, on Tuesday you are to accomplish this in all the different subject areas and teachers are going to be putting that together. The high school is going to look at there's a little bit different, it's not going to be a distance learning where it is actually real time instruction. It's going to be more assignments placed on Google Classroom. I know that the high school students had a conversation with Mr. Gasparini making sure that there are common platforms, that we do not introduce new technology into this but we continue to use the technology that we have which is Google Classroom with a smattering of Blackboard. And so teachers will be putting up assignments, activities, work etc. with other resources for that all to take place. It is going to look different at K-8 and 9 through 12. I know Paul was focused on identifying which students in high school do not have a computer. He was doing that early in the week and putting together a plan or a process to make sure but every kid walks out with a computer or at least has access to a computer while they are awake. Is there any plan to use technology to help mitigate some of the social emotional consequences in terms of you know having classes being able to have FaceTime like we are doing right now on this platform whether they are kindergartens just feel better seeing their teachers and their classmates or weather it's high school students who are able to then connect and have a conversation even if it's not real time instruction somehow you know provide them an opportunity to keep people connected in check in with students to help with social emotional needs. So the check in for the K through 8 is going to be harder because of the discrepancy in the amount of Technology that is available with the students, we did not want to rely heavily on technology. We actually purposely went low Tech K-8. so again there is going to be teachers developing work for students and delivering it at different times. It's not all going to come at one time. I think that that specific check-in or that specific face to face with the teacher is not going to happen, but the student is going to get new work coming forward, so there is always going to be some connection as two, oh your teacher has been thinking about you, here's some work oh, here's some more coming forward. At the high school, you have a much more likelihood of that sort of ongoing check-in, feedback through the Google classroom and the Blackboard learning environment. And are you envisioning teachers are going to be working from the buildings during the closure or from home? We have offered the opportunity, we have set the expectation of what needs to be done and we have offered the opportunity to do it either from home or from school. I'll chime in Susan, when I first heard that we were going to wait several days, my knee-jerk reaction was why. If we can prevent something from occurring prayer to it's happening why wouldn't we. But the more I thought about it and listening to what Peter had to say which is the County's rationale and hearing what Dana had to say I am inclined to agree and concur with Will and Christine that at the moment we could or should be looking towards the middle of the week rather than having some sort of decision tonight to call it. I think it is important for the children to get in today and Tuesday if appropriate, to clear out their lockers and take it as a day over day process. In addition to what has been mentioned and to reiterate families that need to make arrangements, If the parents are working in terms of what do they do with their children, there are children that are relying on the school 4 meals. There are socio-economic disadvantaged people get me need to Chromebooks if we are making them available. And has been stated, we understand that there are cases currently recognized in Onondaga County. Whether somebody is or isn't carrying the virus, we do not know. Tomorrow and the

next day is also an opportunity for educators to explain to the students what is meant by social distancing. So again my inclination is at this point is not to do something tonight and as Christine said, if we want to have a get together every afternoon at 6 p.m., I am certainly available and willing to do that. I agree that a get-together is great I mean I have been pretty vocal that I really support closing early because I think that is the only way that closures are really effective. The CDC's recommendation is that we will probably need take an 8-week closure to really have a substantial impact and the shorter school closures can be less impactful but it's it's less impactful as compared to complete social distancing at home. So that's a very important distinction because we know that we don't have complete social distancing at home right now in our community. I think the challenge with this disease is that you are asymptomatic for at least 2 days. You are contagious but you are asymptomatic for at least 2 days before you start showing any symptoms. In children you are probably going to show the mildest symptoms. So you are not going to know generally if kids are sick with this. I think we are putting our teachers and administrators and staff, particularly our staff immunocompromised or older, elderly, whatever the right term is, Advanced age, thank you, I think we are putting them at significant risk and I understand the massive child care challenges, I understand that this falls disproportionately and the people who have the least resources. I get that and I think at this point it would be extremely difficult too close for tomorrow because there is just not time to put things in place and for that reason I am less inclined to say let's meet everyday at 6 and decide if we are going to be closed rather than say the next day because I think it leaves us in the same place every day. I would be much more comfortable same we want to have a day tomorrow and then we are going to be closed going forward for the rest of the week using any snow days to help the state aid thing which although it's great I think we would have some chance of arguing especially if that's what FM is doing. That's what we would be doing and that's what the schools in New York City have done subsequent to the county executive's order, and now we have 19 states that have completely closed schools across the state. So I think that, we have a lot of evidence that could support us if we got in to a stated bike, which hopefully we wouldn't but I think we need to be proactive for the safety of our kids and our community and our staff. So Wendy, Renee, one second, Wendy, For clarification when you said meeting at 6 is too late, it is to affect the next day, what were you proposing that we meet at 8 a.m. or noon? Yes I think we would have to meet in the morning if we are going to say we're closing the next day I think it's really hard for parents. Where ideally we would when we want to close and close then. Okay thank you. Renee, go ahead. Don't forget to take yourself off mute. having just brought my daughter home last minute from Spain it was handled horribly. Like they waited and waited, everything was fine and then nothing was planned. So I'm for closing as soon as we can. It was awful. And there are people here who have it because you can't get tests here. People who have come back from abroad and have been trying to get tests and they don't give them. The doctors don't have the precautionary equipment to get the tests so people here have it they just haven't been tested. I don't think there's any way that we are going to go till the end of the week. I think there will be a confirmed case tomorrow or Tuesday I'm sure of it. I'm okay with maybe coming back for one day getting their stuff, cleaning their lockers, getting their assignments, but my personal feeling is we should be closed by Tuesday, and tell people right now. You know a lot of parents will be working from home oh, there are going to be hardships oh, the medical profession teachers, Still Goin In oh, it's still going to be

problematic. But I think for the safety of everyone we have to close sooner rather than later because you can't say you can't have large gatherings and we're going to teach social distancing and our kids are sitting on top of each other and next to each other in the cafeteria. thank you Renee. How is your daughter she came back from Spain? We are all in quarantine no, she's good but it was just stressful. They literally blew him home in the middle of the night. I think Spain just blew up, it was always Italy Italy Italy and then it's like Spain you know. Guys I don't know, did I email? We just had the same experience. Me, Louie, Andrew, because it was his U or R break, where in Dublin. We left last Saturday and we got out as scheduled but I share your experience Renee with the program locally at Trinity College in Dublin and Barnard College and their directive and read Julia the riot act. She got out and we left at 4:30 and she packed all her stuff and got out, got to the airport and got on the first flight and so she got home last night at 7 but it's been, I haven't slept in I don't even know, since Wednesday, since the president came on the air, the first time. I also I just want to add that, and I want to make this really clear, I also am very concerned for our staff wanting to not close immediately does not for me, express my not having a concern for the teachers, for the Peters, for everybody involved. I'm also a school administrator. I'm going to tell you I was in 22 schools last week 22 buildings. And tomorrow I'll be in about 15. I'm nervous for myself there's no doubt. Of course I am, but I have to prepare those kids and my own for this closure and so we know it's coming we're not just counting the effect of it or what it's going to do to our families or our people that are currently there, but I think we needed to have this discussion to not make a rash decision. We have to use data, facts any information that we have and I know this is becoming personal for every single one of us sitting around here, it is, but we have to think of everybody right? And what's best for everybody, not just potentially ourselves, our home families for what we have going on. So, my discussion around wanting to potentially stay open because I know like Renee said it's not a matter of if it's when, it's coming we know it's coming. I just want to make that statement. Play did I hear from everybody? I did not hear from Juanita oh, oh there's one either. Do you want to weigh in on this everybody else has had a chance. My thought is whether we closed or not close we need to know what's going to happen, so I feel First Responders need a place to send their kids. We have a lot of medical professionals in our community a lot of teachers in our community a lot of our community Works in our building. If they don't go to work, we are in trouble. If they do go to work we're in trouble. If the kids come to school is it going to be a modified plan to send a mile to a special room oh, are we separating the volume of kids so we have a safe social distancing for them in the buildings so that maybe the subs can take those kids that actually come to our blue because my kids are not going to school. My kids aren't going. I don't know how many of you are sending your kids, my kids aren't going. So there is going to be a reduced number of in the building. For those kids that are there can they be managed because basically it's babysitting we are not going to have this, we are not going to have real education going on because people are panicked people are stressed out to your earlier Point. Can this Subs take those kids so teachers can actually prepare for the next couple of weeks because that needs to happen tomorrow. I get it that we're going to be open tomorrow but I think that openness needs to be for our staff to be able to get their stuff together not for us to pretend that we're having normal class because we're not actually going to be having a class. I guess that's my opinion. I think we should stay open because we have not given her community enough time to chip repair but I think Open Nest should be to the extent that we are

giving our staff the time to do what they need to do. So to the extent that we can use subs to manage people we do that that's my thought. Can I propose a solution? Sure. So first of all I sincerely appreciate the conversation and I don't think I have been a part of many situations that have this much emotion attached to them. I think one of the things to consider is we saw FM close because they have a lot of bedroom physicians with a lot of professional opinions and those are professional opinions. I also want us to respect the professional opinions of the leaders of the Onondaga County Health Department and the county executive. You know they are working with the CDC and the federal government and I think all of us share some skepticism about the leadership abilities of the county executive but that stays here right? But nonetheless, I don't have any reason to question the leadership or the quality of Dr. Gupta who I believe is a JD resident. I think we need to be thinking, Susan talked about, thinking bigger and I appreciate that, I think we need to be thinking about our community a little more brighter than Jamesville- DeWitt and thinking about our medical professionals and staffing our medical facilities and thinking about what happens when we shut down schools. I don't think we're going to make it till Friday either. And so my suggestion is that we plan to be in school on Monday and Tuesday with a staff development day on Wednesday. I have a fairly decent sense that by the end of the day tomorrow account executive is going to change the executive order. I don't have that in writing. I don't have that guarantee but I have a pretty strong sense at that order is going to change to closing the schools earlier in the week. So I think if we set forward with the plan right now to stay in school Monday and Tuesday provide the staff a staff development day on Wednesday, and we plan on shutting down at the end of Wednesday, even if he doesn't change the executive order and I think we jeopardize the state aid we would look at the snow days for Thursday and Friday and we shut down no matter what he does. Let's give him time let's not I say anything let's not change any course but let's give him time to think where he is and I think that by the end of the day tomorrow we may be in a different position regarding that. And I think that by the end of the day tomorrow we may be able to announce if this is our plan going forward, school on Monday Tuesday, Staff Development Day on Wednesday and it may actually be accelerated faster than based on what comes forward. Juanita to your point, I sincerely appreciate that teachers need time to put things together, but with all due respect I actually want them with kids whatever kids are in the classrooms tomorrow. they need the hand-holding, they need to comfort imma the stability. I don't mind overworking the teachers a little bit to say, you know what you need to do whatever whether it's babysitting,, whatever it is tomorrow you know the warrant and the comfort in the familiarity are there regular teacher to the best that we can provide is is going to be key for as long as we can possibly provide it. Those are just my sort of God's listening to all of you. To clarify if I could Peter, what were you referring to Wednesday as? Staff Development Day. We do not have it on the calendar but we we have one more available to us. Staff development day, okay. Superintendent's conference day. So no students. And you said for the time being, we would not announce that? In other words, let me rephrase that oh, so if you felt that you wanted to Monday, Tuesday, Staff Development Day on Wednesday, what is the reluctance verbalizing that within the next 24 hours? I think we've got to give the county executive the opportunity to do the right thing and modify his executive order first before we jump him. What do you think is going to change position? a case. I test positive case positive. I think a case, I think political pressure. and can I just, can you correct me if I'm wrong Peter, but I think out of all of us and

this meeting right now, Peter is the only one who had the opportunity to actually meet with the county executive and go through all that on Saturday, correct? And a lovely follow-up phone call today. So you have a perspective that the rest of us don't have. And I also had a lovely conversation with the Syracuse City superintendent for a long time as well and so we have been working behind the scenes a little bit together. Okay so the suggestion on this table with Peter open Monday, Tuesday, kids are at school reporting to school, Wednesday is a staff development day so teachers no students. Don't announce it. What are you thinking maybe Tuesday we would announce it? No I would like to get it out tomorrow if possible. I would get it out tomorrow night. All right. and that's whether the county says anything or not, correct? Correct, Peter? Oh yeah I got but I'm holding my breath because you're all going to hold me to whatever I'm going to say next, right? No no no no no. Well yes. He's thinking give him a minute. Okay let him think on that. Let me ask you guys do you all want to meet again though. So let's all say we agree with this plan do you want to meet again tomorrow at noon let's say I don't know if noon is good for everybody, Aldo Sheeran and Dana that would be difficult. There is no way that I can meet at noon but after school. 3:30, 3:00? 3:30 I could do. Okay 3:30 does that work for people we could regroup again and we hear more from Peter how did the day how did the first day go all of that stuff, are we still on track for this 3 days plan is 3:30 good? I can see some people nodding but other people, I got some stuff Lori is that good for you? Thumbs up. and well I think he said okay. and Wendy, you're good, Juanita, Ken? All right. Peter is giving me the thumbs-up and he has had a few minutes do you want to answer Ken's question? yes I just had to roll the time through my head. Yes I think we should come forward by the end of tomorrow, the evening and make the announcement. Will give the county executive the opportunity to do the right thing and if he doesn't then we'll pull the trigger. Okay. All right, so we are agreeing so you want to send out the announcement on Monday. Do you want to meet first Peter with all of us at 3:30? No? I mean I'm happy to meet with you but I think this is the point that we are putting in motion. No I mean did you want to have a meeting at 3:30 then send the announcement or do you want to just send it? So what I was just rolling through my head is the timing of a potential and again don't think I have a crystal ball here, but if the county executive were to have a press conference, and modify his plan, let me take one step back. We were just, an email just came about an hour ago, it we all have to just submit our nutrition plan, how we are going to feed kids, we have to send that to the county executive by the end of the work day tomorrow. This is one of his key pieces, he wants to make sure, whatever we think about him, he is really presenting authentic right now and one of the key pieces that he is putting forth right now is that he wants to make sure that the low-income families are taken care of and their needs are met. And so like I said we got an email just an hour or so ago it said we have to submit those plans by the end of the work day tomorrow oh, so that is a key piece for him. He's going to be collecting all that information and that will help him make the determination okay that pieces.. The next piece is making sure the hospitals have Staffing plan so I know that those people are going to be reporting on that tomorrow as well. I think if those pieces come into place then he will have a press conference at some point probably later in the day to announce a change in the executive order. Now I'm just let okay is he going to, when does his Prime Time end, I would presume his Prime Time ends oh, I don't know Wendy, you're more familiar with this sort of stuff than I am? Is it 6:00, is it 5:00 is it 7:00? He has been doing his updates at either noon or three so a little bit earlier, so I would imagine it would be in the same ballpark but

I don't have a crystal ball either. yeah and again he is relying on all these school districts to report on those plans very quickly so I think three might be a little optimistic I had five in my head. so my point is that I would probably put off I would probably send an announcement to the public around 7 p.m. show 7 p.m. the announcement we'll go out, we will have met at 3:30 and maybe we would have information, that's what you're saying Because he would have met at noon or 3 is that right? Quite possibly, I think that's unlikely. So, meeting at 3:30, does that buy us anything, I mean it brings us together to ask questions but does it get us anything? I don't necessarily think that's going to I mean if we put this plan into place right now, unless people have other questions, I don't think there's anything wrong with meeting but I don't think it will necessarily get us anything if we already know what we're going to do oh, I mean he could be in his middle of his press conference at 3:30. So that might present some challenges. Okay. Yeah I agree I mean Peter he needs the scope of Authority for presenting a plan oh, he's got more than enough to do, an hour, even a half an hour talking to us. there will be a time that we can get back together but I think especially tomorrow, if we approve this plan and I certainly support it, I just say we let it go. Agreed. Okay. That all is of course with a caveat at everything and if it does I hold the right to call you back together, right? Lori was trying to say something go ahead Lori. So Peter even if the county executive is collecting all his data and he doesn't come out until Tuesday would you still send a letter Monday night regardless of his decision? I think it's the right thing to do for the district. yes. Thank you. Peter can I just add one more thing, moving forward, could you just let us know if any of these plans that you haven't placed either help help these kids are help get work to these kids is there any way that the board members can be of service please let us know because I would love to jump in and help and volunteer. Same here yep same here. I presume that the two of you have a little bit of stuff on your plates but I appreciate that offer. Dr. Smith you can grab me out of class anytime. Will we know we'll have some time. I have also had community members Reach Out to me to make sure that everybody has food and offered me to help. I want to offer you guys this story really quickly, in that right after my letter went out last, was it yesterday, the Jamesville Elementary School community immediately and this could have happened any other buildings but I happen to be privy to the one at Jamesville, it was absolutely immediate about, hey we need to be thinking about our families who are going to be disrupted and we need to be collecting stuff and we need to be doing things and it was just so heartwarming that the instantaneous response which I presume exist in all the buildings was just very heartwarming to watch. So you should be proud of that piece as well and know that's going on and you should be proud of it. Moses is doing the same thing I know the whole Kids Care pretty there is like ready willing and able to help whenever possible and they've all put out personal notices that if anybody needs any food or cleaning supplies to let them know and they will try to help them now. Okay is there anyone else, so I'll just recap, the plan as proposed by Peter, Monday and Tuesday school is in session, how kids are reporting, Wednesday is a staff development day so only staff is reporting. Peter, extracurricular and anything after the bell rings, is still off, correct? Yes and that has been widely advertised, no extracurricular know Sports, nothing. Dad has been widely advertised. So they go to school, they come home. Would that include the board meeting scheduled for March 23rd or whatever that date is? Yes I let Lori know that I'm planning on holding the board meeting, we might hold it this way if we want to be socially distant or we could be in a room and be socially distant it doesn't matter I'm happy to do it this way. And how would you include your community

participation? I read that waiver thing so Peter correct me if I'm wrong I think for the governor, we are allowed to hold a meeting in this remote fashion as long as we publish the video and and transcribe it and put it out in some published fashion. I have not read the guidance yet. I believe that's what it said. I think I remember seeing that, yes. It was the guidance that the governor put out and then NYSSBA Starbucks corporate published it again. I think we're covered. I will ask her legal opinion. I wish I would have known that I would have done my hair. I was going to say, I'm a mess. Can I ask a question Susan? Yes, go ahead Juanita. I just put my head on because Peter did oh, the point that you guys were making about all the community outreach and everybody who is so helpful, is that being shared with the community so they know that if they need help, these resources are available? I mean it's good for us to know but we are not the ones who need it so Are we pushing that out? the Moses Community knows that Juanita I don't know about the other schools though. Yes the Jamesville Community does. And then the other thing that I was going to ask was about you said something else that made me think are we sharing that information, I forget what that is oh, I forget what I was going to say. Can I jump in with one quick thing then Juanita while you think, Peter do you think it would be helpful now if we had a district Facebook page where we could aggregate all this information about the Jamesville community and the Moses community and the how assignments are going to be handled or whatever. It seems as though we need a more better communication platform then the email messages. Is that something that maybe we could do just for this, very defined, this could be you know, covid-19 page, like some of the other districts have done? I'm pretty hesitant to start some new technology style right now because I think people are used to what they are used to. I don't think we want to do that in the middle of a crisis. I think you wait until waters before you introduce something new. Although it could be in addition to Peter, you know, like people are used to using Facebook so you could continue the channels you are using and then you have covid-19 sure people will find it. I would encourage those of you with Facebook pages to push forward the information certainly, some of the positive stuff and some of the communications is needed absolutely. There is no way I could start a Facebook page right now. the other option is if there are any other hat things tied to our own JD website, we can add those links to Facebook individually. I shared the covid page that we have. I mean I think if we just added the information about the resources that we have it would be helpful because I have been directing people to the page, we have everything on their page, we just don't have that. I remembered the other thing I wanted to say. There are a lot of parents who are saying they are sending their kids to school knowing that they have been recently sick. Is there a way to reiterate to these families, do not send your kids to our school. So that was part of, I had a message I had a long message that was all prepared to go on Friday night, and then I got some into the county executive's office and decided not to send it but that was a huge piece of that message. I am very hesitant to send anything out right now to the public. you know I think that that is going to be taken care of. We've got teachers who know the requirements for kids to stay home, nurses are highly focused on it. I hesitate to send something out. I'm trying to weigh out, one of the things I was thinking about earlier was sending a message out to the community reiterating that you know School, you know you are not going to be penalized but I worry about not over communicating but I think people are looking for us to close so I'm worried about sending something out that's not closure. That's just my opinion. I don't know Peter what your protocol is, building level, but what we are doing right now is any student with a cough, or that

doesn't feel well, goes to the nurse, gets a mask, and has a separate place to wait and set, we have designated a special place in the building until we can get the me ride home and then they are to go home. I don't know if that's similar to your protocol. It is absolutely what we have going on absolutely. Yes separate spaces and then they go home that's exactly what is going on. And all the nurses have shared between themselves last week, we have a doctor approved set of criteria for which kids should not be in school and the nurses shared that, the administration shared it, and I think the teachers have it as well so they all know what that is. Okay. All right, I think we've answered all the questions. I was summarizing and then we said we'd to something else so. So I have Monday your plan is to send up the announcement, Peter, 7 on Monday, correct? Peter?

Yes. and Peter if you do it in the same fashion that was helpful if you send out the text alert and then there was a follow-up after that, I thought that was helpful with the link, are you going to do the same thing? Yes. That worked well? Yes as a parent that work really well I thought it was great I got my text alert and then I clicked on the link and went to the website. I don't have a text alert I used to but I don't anymore. Where do you sign up for a text alert? You know it's been a long time, it's in the school tool was it? No, you should automatically if your cell phone is in our school tool. We may just need to look at your numbers that are in there. Okay. Does everybody else get the text though? Renee didn't? Renee's on mute. I didn't. I used to get them, but because she's not a parent. 1st Peter who doesn't have that? Here's the killer thing oh, so what it is is there's a drive from school tool and Pete maybe we can look at this, but with that school messenger system it is populated by school tool and if you're not a parent and an active parent, we don't have a way of getting, we have always been told there is no way to get you guys in there. We got some fresh eyes let's take a look at this again. when did it go out, it was 5:55 yesterday Christine and it said text alert an update regarding COVID and JD sent via email. You know I can screensnap it and send it to you. I didn't get it. Oh, Ken didn't get it. No, I did not. I did not either. So I think maybe Peter or Pete, you can work on In the board members on it all the board members. I'll look into that first thing tomorrow. Okay Peter Reyes is going to work on it okay. I think we are ready to adjourn. So, we don't need to vote on anything right because we just discuss the plans, correct? Yes, okay. I need a motion to adjourn, motion to adjourn thank you. I need a second I have Ken before Dana okay so I need all in favor, all the hands okay good. Everybody was in favor Pete Reyes and it is now 7:10.