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Dear RSE Families,

As I am sure you are aware, the situation with the COVID-19 virus has escalated dramatically over the last 48 hours here in Suffolk County. I have participated in conference calls with Suffolk County Superintendents and the Suffolk County Department of Health, a number of times over the last 10 days. This evening, County Executive, Steve Bellone, joined the conference call.

The county message has been consistent in that they are following the guidance from the State. This guidance states that if a school has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the building, that we are to close for 24 hours. *We DO NOT have a case within our school as of this writing*.

What we do have are plans to enrich the education of our children with opportunities. Unfortunately, many of those opportunities are being cancelled. It is with a heavy-heart, that I write to inform you that we will be POSTPONING our production of *Madagascar*. After much consultation and discussion, we have decided that more people will have an opportunity to see our young thespians if we postpone the show until later in the Spring and the experience will be that much greater for the students. With that said, we will be continuing with our rehearsals and the students will perform a "dress rehearsal" on Thursday during the school day for classes only.

Our teachers have worked diligently throughout the week developing "At-Home Learning" materials for your children, in the event the situation changes for RSE. I am so proud of their efforts and accomplishments this week as it was not an easy task. More information about this will be forthcoming.

We will continue to monitor this active situation and our cleaning efforts in the building will remain diligent. We are terribly saddened to have to make these difficult decisions and appreciate those of you who have expressed your gratitude and partnership at such an unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Service Sullivan

Denise Lindsay- Sullivan Superintendent of Schools