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**LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
ORDER NO. 1 OF 2020 (Third Amendment)
(COVID-19 Pandemic)**

On March 16, 2020, a State of Emergency was declared for the County of Rockland.

Pursuant to NYS Executive Law § 24, when a State of Emergency is in effect, the County Executive may promulgate local emergency orders to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control. By law upon reconsideration of all the relevant facts and circumstances, such an order may be extended for additional periods not to exceed five days each during the pendency of the state of emergency

The Superintendents of the School Districts of the County, and the Rockland Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), have requested that I exercise my powers as County Executive to suspend school activities through April 1, 2020, in order to protect the student body and the staff of the schools within those districts.

Therefore, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Rockland County, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. School, University and College Closings.

- A. As of 12:01 am March 17, 2020, with regard to all public schools, and as of 12:01 am March 18, 2020 with regard to all private schools, which public and private schools, in whole or in part, serve grades Kindergarten through 12, situated in Rockland County, this Order suspends all classroom and extracurricular functions.
- B. On or before 12:01 am Wednesday, March 18, 2020, all universities, colleges, and other non-K-12 educational facilities, public and private, secular and non-secular, must exclude students from the educational facilities. Such entities are not required to close dining facilities, or dormitory or other student housing. Non-residents are prohibited from visiting the dining facilities, or the common areas or residential units of such dormitory or other student housing.

- C. ~~On or before 12:01 am Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all day care, pre-school and pre-kindergarten is suspended, infants and children are not permitted at the facilities.~~ [Note – At the insistence of the Governor that the State level emergency orders do not permit the County to close day care facilities the County has chosen to repeal section 1.C of this order.]
- D. This order excludes all programs and schools approved or operated by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and/or the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), to the extent the program or school provides education in a residential setting to school age children.
- E. The schools, universities, colleges and other educational facilities affected by this order may remain open to administrators and staff and for administrative and staff functions.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Local Emergency Order shall take effect immediately.


Section 3. Duration of Local Emergency Order

The Local Emergency Order shall remain in effect for five days unless sooner modified, extended, or revoked, and may be extended for additional periods not to exceed five days during the pendency of the local state of emergency.

Section 4. Common Name

This Order may be referred to as the “Emergency School Closing Order.”

Dated: March 16, 2020



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