March 12, 2019
1 p.m.

Dear Churchville-Chili Families,

As you may have heard on the news this morning, there is one confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Monroe County. Please know that we continue to vigilantly monitor local conditions and are working in collaboration with the County and State Departments of Health and the State Education Department.

While our goal is to keep schools open and provide a safe place for learning, it is important that you prepare for the unfortunate possibility of temporary school closing. Should there be a confirmed case in our school district, we would close for a minimum of 24 hours per the Department of Health and State Education Department directives. Once the disinfection occurs, along with an assessment of exposure, a determination will be made when school can be resumed. All correspondence will follow our regular communication methods: Instant Connect call, e-News, Website, Twitter and Facebook.

I am respectfully requesting that any emergency phone numbers that have recently changed be updated by contacting our registrar at registrar@cccsd.org. Each request will be verified by the registrar before changes are made.

Given our priority of keeping students and staff safe, we have and will continue to enhance cleaning across the district. Further, we are assessing all after school and evening events and have made the decision to postpone some of our elementary events this evening (March 12).

A lot has changed over the last 24 hours and we expect that this will remain a rapidly changing situation for days if not weeks. The most important thing that each of us can do right now is to be thorough with handwashing, covering our mouths when sneezing or coughing, and assessing our own personal wellness. We have asked our staff to remain factual and address questions from our students. We have listed some resources on our website that you may find helpful when talking with your children.

In situations like these, rumors may cause unnecessary reactions and panic. The best way to combat fear is with facts. For the latest guidance and links to official information sources, please visit our district website. I will continue to keep you informed via eNews, our district website and social media accounts as additional information becomes available.

Please be assured that the Churchville-Chili Central School District will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone’s health and wellbeing. Thank you for
supporting our efforts to maintain a safe learning environment and being proactive with the health of your families.

Sincerely,
Lori Orologio
Superintendent of Schools