



## **NYSED School Closure Guidance**

The Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) are providing information to P-12 schools related to school closures, meals, childcare, continuity of learning, mental health, accountability, special education, and test administration in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

For more information visit: <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus/guidance-p-12-schools>

### Upcoming Robotics Events for the 2019-2020 School Year

Due to the recent extended school closure, GST BOCES Instructional Support Services has decided to cancel the Spring Robotics Competitions that were scheduled for May 6th (ROV) and May 29th (VEX).

Additional details on how to return kits will be coming in the next couple weeks.



Canaseraga classes performing the Gravity & Kinetic Energy egg drop.

## **Immersive Reader available on MS Forms**

MS Form's ability to correct tests and quizzes electronically has been a real time saver for many teachers. Now the quizzes and tests that have been created can be read OUT LOUD to students electronically. This short video will show you (and your students) how to use it:

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/d4efdc9a-a736-422f-ab17-2a0cd5a4b622>

Please contact your GST BOCES Instructional Support Teacher if you have interest in learning more about Forms and Immersive Reader.

To see more training videos provided by Instructional Support Teacher John Farr visit: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/group/17a7c225-9891-4ea5-986d-540d9fc638d2?view=channels>

## **STEM kits to be Returned**

STEM kits will be returned on a modified schedule in the months of May and June. If you haven't yet, please contact Angie Olkey at [aolkey@gstboces.org](mailto:aolkey@gstboces.org) to set up a time for kit pick up at your school.

Thank you!



*"Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms: it is about understanding."*

*-William Paul Thurston*

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES?

TRYING TO FIND THE LATEST UPDATES?

WANT TO LOCATE SOME PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUR TEACHERS?

Be sure to check out GST BOCES' School Closure Toolkit for resources and a list of the professional development offerings during this extended school closure.

Here are a few samples:

<p><b>Microsoft Teams</b></p> <p>Accessing TEAMS using a home device generic</p> <p>Accessing TEAMS using a school device generic</p> <p>Accessing TEAMS using an iPad</p> <p>Recording with the Camera App</p> <p>Use this link to visit the <a href="#">Teams Training</a> site in Microsoft Teams.</p>	<p><b>Google Classroom</b></p> <p>Use this link to visit the <a href="#">Google Classroom 101</a> slide deck at Google.</p>	<p><b>Schoology</b></p> <p>Use this link to visit <a href="#">Getting Started on Schoology for Instructors</a> in the Schoology Help Center.</p> <p>Here is a <a href="#">Schoology Self-paced Course</a> available from Schoology and participants can earn a certificate.</p>
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**Grading Resources**

- Curriculum, Instruction and Grading Guidelines During Suspension of Onsite Classes
- Example of End of Year Process Guide
- To Grade Or Not To Grade

**Graduation Resources**

- Spring 2020 Commencement Toolkit

Monday, May 4, 2020	Tuesday, May 5, 2020	Wednesday, May 6, 2020	Thursday, May 7, 2020	Friday, May 8, 2020
9:00-10:00 – Ask a Librarian (Mary Ann Munroe)	10:00-11:00 Engaging Students with Flipgrid *Beginner Level (Lis Bostwick)	9:00-10:00 – Ask a Librarian (Mary Ann Munroe)	11:00-12:00 Wait...what about Guided Reading? 3-5 teachers (Jason Oliver)	1:00-2:00 Office Hours Special Education 6-12 (Patricia Horton, Stephanie Stephens)
1:00-2:00 PLC: Elementary (Grades 3-5) - Gather with other elementary teachers to share ideas and resources, or to ask questions. (Heather Ellis,		1:00-2:00 PLC Instructional Technology (Katie Cooke)	1:00-2:00 PLC Middle School Science (Katie Cooke and Benjamin Link)	