



# GILBERTSVILLE-MT. UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Community Members, Students and Staff,

Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced that New York school facilities will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. The Governor will make a decision about summer school by the end of May. As we look to the future, we must think about what a return to school buildings might look like and how best to support students, families and staff.

We know that we are stronger together. We need a voices to be heard on this important matter. Please participate in a statewide virtual conversation about reopening schools. You will be able to read and rate other participants' responses. Based on those ratings, the more important thoughts will rise to the top. All contributions are anonymous.

This is a statewide exchange facilitated by the 37 New York BOCES (Boards of Cooperative Educational Services). The exchange results will be shared with our elected officials so that they will have a more global understanding of the thoughts and ideas our community members have about returning to in-person schooling.

I encourage everyone to use the link below to share your thoughts and help evaluate the critical issues. If English is not your first language, there is a translation feature.

Thought Exchange Link: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/333518046>

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693 State Highway 51  
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Thank you in advance for your participation,

Annette D. Hammond  
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