

## Victor schools will remain closed after malware attack

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For the second straight day, Victor Central School District will be closed to in-person classes after a malware attack struck servers in the district.

District Superintendent Tim Terranova said Monday afternoon that in-person classes would not be held on Tuesday since a malware attack caused all internet services in the district, including phones to stop operating over the weekend and those services “are still down.”

While Monday was treated as a snow day for students and a professional learning day for faculty and staff, Tuesday will operate differently.

Staff will continue to work from home and all students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade will complete assignments through Google Classroom on Tuesday, Terranova said.

According to a message sent to parents and guardians of district students on Sunday, someone apparently imposed an encryption code that limited access to the district’s servers, an issue that was discovered Saturday morning. The network was quickly taken offline “to prevent further damage,” he said.

Personal, financial information and student grades were not compromised, Terranova said. The attack also did not impact student-assigned Chromebooks, Google Classroom or Gmail, as the attack was reportedly on the district’s windows servers and files.

Extracurricular activities and athletics were also canceled for Monday.

It is not yet clear how long the district will need to remain closed for in-person instruction. Terranova said he will provide an update Tuesday on the situation and plans

for the remainder of the week.

“Our goal will be to have students learning as soon as possible,” Terranova said in the letter, adding that the plans already in place for virtual learning due to the ongoing pandemic is helpful. “This is a fluid process and we will continue to update you as we receive more information.”

Approximately 4,350 students attend the school district in Ontario County.

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