



## North Stonington Public Schools

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Dear North Stonington Public Schools families and staff,

As the days have progressed since schools closed, we continue to follow the Governor's Executive Orders. The administrators and department heads have been vigilant in preparing for distance learning as well as preparing supplemental lessons. Since day one of the closure, we have followed our mantra of providing our "best efforts" during this most difficult time. In the weeks ahead, unless otherwise directed by Executive Order by the Governor, the school department will be providing essential services and it will continue to operate.

We received the following guidance from the DEMHS Region 4 Coordinator:

"The Stay Safe, Stay Home" announcement from the Governor does not stop functions of food service and meal programs in the schools; however, no-contact distribution of food and materials should be in place. Also, the announcement does not prevent school functions that are taking place to support "Continuation of Educational Opportunities or operational needs such as payroll and building maintenance."

For our own health and safety and the safety of our families, we are stepping up our social distancing while continuing to provide essential services. Our work days will be somewhat different. Some staff will be working every day; others will be working some days and we will deploy staggering shifts. There are certain parts of our business operations which cannot function without us all being present.

Now that we have deployed laptops for student homes that needed them, every family has access to the internet. We ask that families check emails regularly for important communications from the principals and central administration. Another source for information is our website. Messaging by emails and the website will cut down on us having to make PowerAnnouncements.

We will be providing grab and go breakfast and lunches for our students. We are working on that now and the details for availability will be forthcoming.

When not in the buildings we will all be checking our emails and phone messages. In case of an emergency, my cell number is 860-303-3652. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always, please be safe!

Sincerely,

Peter L. Nero  
Superintendent of Schools