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Dear North Stonington Public Schools families,

I am sending to you my weekly update one day earlier than usual.

We are completing our tenth full week in the hybrid plan with full day in-school sessions four days per week and Wednesday as a virtual teaching and learning day.

As I have stated every week since school opened, we are continuing to review the town's COVID data as we make educational decisions. As you may know, prior to what would have been a full-return next week, the Board of Education (BOE) held a special meeting on Tuesday evening. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss the most current data. That meeting was well attended and it was also attended by Mr. Stephen Mansfield, REHS, MPH, and Director of Health at the Ledge Light Health District (LLHD). At the beginning of the meeting, based on my previous discussions with Mr. Mansfield and our most recent data, I recommended to the BOE that we continue to remain in the hybrid plan. I also recommended that we not revisit a full-return until after the December holiday break. To be clear that doesn't mean that we will have a full-return at that time; it means we will review the data at that point.

Since we are continuing in the hybrid plan, if you notified your child's school to opt-in to a full-virtual, and now want to return to the hybrid plan, please notify your child's school of the change.

With the holidays arriving shortly and the Thanksgiving break in less than 2 weeks, I ask that you please try to take every precaution to avoid spreading the virus. As I have stated a number of times, I know it isn't easy and sometimes it seems unfair that we are missing out on so many events that bring us joy. However, with the recent revelation of a promising vaccine discovered right here in Connecticut at Pfizer, if we can maintain our low rate of infection locally, we will have the opportunity to return to "the way things used to be" in the upcoming year.

Once again, on behalf of the administrators and Board of Education, we'd like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding when we are in a confirmed COVID situation. We will perform our due diligence working with LLHD making sure that the contact tracing is thorough and complete prior to communicating with teachers, staff, or students that need to be quarantined.

Enjoy the weekend and please be safe!

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