March 16, 2020

Dear Families and Staff,

As of yesterday, the Governor of Connecticut declared that all public schools be closed through and including March 31, 2020. At this time, the soonest that we can be back in session is April 1, 2020, with the possibility of this being extended.

Our staff is working on completing at-home instructional activities for the students to work on while we are out of school. We are also working on the online learning opportunities to support our students to continue their learning from home. On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, students should receive packets and online activities from their respective schools via email.

Grab and Go breakfasts and lunches will be provided at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School for all kindergarten through twelfth grades students who are currently enrolled in the district. The schedule to pick up lunches will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 11AM to 1PM starting this Wednesday March 18, 2020. On Mondays, two lunches and two breakfasts will be provided for pick-up per enrolled student. On Wednesdays, three lunches and three breakfasts will be provided per enrolled student. These meals will be available on this schedule until school is back in session and you are notified that the program is discontinued.

We realize that this week and those to come may represent unique situations for families. For this reason, we have set up an email for key individuals on the town and education sides of government to respond to unique situations that arise. We have asked two staff members to serve as volunteer coordinators to support our community to volunteer in different capacities. In addition, if elderly are now homebound due to following social distancing, the town and senior center are working to ensure they receive meals in addition to the current Meals-on-Wheels clients. More details on how to access this information and ways to volunteer will be coming shortly. Additionally, the town emergency management team will be sending out more details and everbridge calls as needed.

Please feel free to reach out to our offices if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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