

# East Haddam Public Schools

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Dear Families and Staff;

Please let me say, first and foremost, thank you for all of your cooperation during this time. Our staff have reported story after story of parents working with us to help their children get into the groove of this distance-learning thing. Again, thank you! We are still working to get better at this and we look forward to hearing from you about how we can improve.

The buildings, facilities, and offices are closed until further notice. A small group of staff members are coming into the buildings to keep everything running and ensuring that the phones are answered and parents and staff are supported.

Testing Information:

This week, the Connecticut State Department of Education received notification that the United States Department of Education has granted a waiver that permits Connecticut districts not to conduct State of Connecticut standardized assessments. No SBAC for 2020! That said, for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, while there is no requirement to offer the SAT for state accountability reasons, the State of Connecticut and the College Boards are still trying to figure out how to provide an SAT opportunity for all of our grade 11 students. We know many were counting on this for their college application process.

Meals:

Bagged lunches and breakfasts are being provided to families free of charge from 11am -1pm on Mondays and Wednesdays at the high school. Meals are free to school-aged children in town. Monday's bags contain two breakfasts and two lunches for students. Wednesday's meals contain three breakfasts and three lunches. We do not collect the names of students per federal guidance. We understand that families are facing unique challenges at this time and we encourage you to please take advantage of this program.

Surveys:

Please take a moment to complete the survey you receive from your school today. We are very interested in your feedback and are committed to continue to improve our programs with the feedback and suggestions you provide. This is new to us and we know that we will need to work out some kinks.

We are here to answer your questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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