

East Haddam Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Staff,

Thank you for your patience and collaboration as we enter our second week of distance learning.

Your input from the surveys has been very helpful to us as we plan the weeks ahead. Overall, we heard many positive and constructive responses. Among the many items reviewed, two we are addressing initially are the attendance process and the scheduling of student time.

We realized very quickly that the online learning medium is very intense for students, families, and educators. We are finding that all parties involved are finding themselves in some form of being overwhelmed. In addition, educators are planning in wholly different formats and venues. We also hear from our families that screen time is, in some cases, excessive.

To address these issues, we are proposing one day a week that looks different for the students and educators. Starting this Friday, students will be given a 'learning challenge' to accomplish either on Friday or over the weekend, a 'fitness challenge', and an opportunity to 'catch-up' on the assignments from the week. The fitness and the learning challenges will be sent home from their respective schools. Educators will be offline from students for the day while collaboratively planning for the next week and completing assorted tasks that cannot be completed during interactive distance learning days. This schedule will be in place for April 3rd and 17th. April 10th is a holiday, per the approved calendar.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to myself or building administration.

Sincerely,



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