

# East Haddam Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Educators,

As you likely know by now, the Governor issued a press release on Tuesday confirming that all classes will remain distance-learning only for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. While many of us anticipated this news, the impact of staying in distance learning mode for another 5 weeks is jarring. We know that this mode of learning is inconvenient and in many cases frustrating for students, parents and teachers alike.

I was hopeful that more information about summer school would be available by the time of writing this letter. Unfortunately, we still do not have clear guidance on summer programming. At this time, I believe we will offer some summer programming similar to those we offered last July. The difference will be that we will be altering the programs to meet the social distancing rules and expectations for those times.

The feedback and input we have received during this process has been incredibly helpful. Our teams at the different levels use the input to adjust our delivery and process. We sincerely appreciated the collaborative spirit we encounter as we continue to make adjustments.

The outpouring of appreciation for our teachers via the video messages and the notes of thanks and acknowledgments during teacher appreciation week were heartwarming. I do not have the words to describe how appreciative I am for the educators that I have the privilege of working with.

Wednesday was National Nurses Day and what a time to appreciate our school nurses. We have relied on them through this time to be one of our most crucial arms to reach out to families for attendance and health needs. We are very fortunate to have such a caring and supportive group of nursing professionals supporting our students and staff here in East Haddam.

Just a reminder that meals continue to be provided on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Lunch and breakfast meals are distributed for seven days a week for school age children in town.

Thanks you for your patience and collaboration.

Sincerely,



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