

March 29, 2020

Dear Parents and Staff,

We are now entering our 9th day of distance learning. As educators and caregivers who recently entered this new digital frontier, we continue to monitor, assess, and revise our *Alternative Learning Plan*. While we have taken into consideration student and family needs in the community, our early approach also accounted for the needs of our dedicated staff who are working diligently while caring for their own families as well.

We are in the process of receiving critical input from teachers and support staff to begin to embrace additional tools and strategies to augment learning and make digital connections with students. Our teachers are working virtually with their colleagues and leaders to discuss new opportunities for the use of digital enhancements and opportunities to make connections with students. I have received many positive emails to recognize the work of our teachers. While none of this is easy, we thank you for your ongoing support.

As we move forward, please be patient, don't hesitate to ask questions, and continue to work collaboratively with teachers and leaders so all students will find success through distance learning. Our distance learning plan continues to evolve, and we will share updates with you along the way. Your students are most important to us, and I know the staff misses their smiling faces. I have also received emails from staff showcasing the work of their students, so proud that they are rising to the occasion and doing the best they can.

On another note, I have **attached** two documents from the Town's Human Services Department: DHS Resource Guide and Wellness Guide. Both are meant to provide important tips and guidance for community members and staff dealing with COVID-19, as well as useful resources that can offer social and emotional support. While we will not be serving lunches on Good Friday or during the April break, the FAITH FOOD PANTRY is available for those families and community members who might be in need of food. You can call 203-837-0816 or 203-426-5604 to schedule a pickup.

For now, remain healthy and take care of your families.

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent

[DHS Resource Guide COVID 19.docx.pdf](#)

[Wellness Guide COVID 19 rev.pdf](#)