

Good afternoon East Windsor families,

On behalf of all of the administrators, we hope that all of you are doing well and staying healthy. We have a few updates and reminders for you and if you have any questions, please contact your building administrator.

Addresses

As the year winds down, we will need to send out important information to families. Please ensure that your child's school has your most recent telephone number and address.

It is also extremely important that you contact your child's school office if you plan to move at the end of this year or during the summer. This will allow us to help get your child's education records sent to the new school and your child all set for their new school.

Food Benefits

The Connecticut State Department of Education in partnership with the Department of Social Services is working to provide additional support for families who are facing food insecurity. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) will be distributed to students with free and reduced lunch. The P-EBT cards will be released in three phases:

Phase 1 - Around Late May: Students in households receiving benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);

Phase 2 - Around Late May: Students in households directly certified for free school meals based on their enrollment in Medicaid (HUSKY A); and,

Phase 3 - Around Mid-June: Students not included in Phase 1 or Phase 2 but receiving free or reduced-price school meals when school is in session (e.g., students who are not participating in SNAP/TANF/HUSKY but are enrolled in a CEP school and receiving free school meals; students determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals through traditional household income applications; and, students who are homeless or in foster care).

Families will receive the attached P-EBT flyer with the P-EBT Card that provides instructions on how to access benefits.

Please see the attached pamphlet for more information if you or your child are eligible for those benefits.

Devices and Academic Materials

At times, families may need to pick up paper materials or exchange broken, district-issued laptops. We ask that anyone needing to do a swap contact their building administrators in advance to confirm when materials would be available.

For students at East Windsor Middle School, students should try to submit work using the Portal E-Locker, but if they can't, teachers will accept work in many forms like emails, OneDrive, and or Office Teams.

If a parent is having a distance learning tech issue with a school device and would like to contact IT directly, an email address has been created for this
- **distancetech@ewct.org**.

End of Year

Each building principal is sending out fillable forms to parents so if your child left an item(s) in school we can help get them from lockers etc... After the items are retrieved, you will be provided information about how they will be distributed back to families. At this time, the intention is to have them picked up at the same time any school owned items, such as textbooks and laptops are returned. This will be on or around the end of school. More information will be coming

The administrators are making plans to continue with awards and promotions activities. Specific information will be provided shortly regarding events for each school. These activities will all be virtual.

We know that families and students are anxious about these events and we are planning to host them. Trying to determine the best way to do them virtually takes time and we are trying very hard to make them as special as possible despite not being together.

Field Trips

Some parents have contacted the schools with questions about field trips. All field trips or school related activities that would require access to our buildings or that our students and staff congregate are cancelled. We will update you as we receive guidance from the Governor about changing restriction and what that will mean for the East Windsor Public Schools.

Nursing

If your child is ill with strep throat, allergies, asthma, diarrhea, vomiting, COVID 19 or any other illness please call your school nurse and inform them. If someone in your house has COVID19 please call the nurse with this information as well. The school nurses are tracking COVID illness and its transmission to assist the Department of Public Health. You can reach your school nurse by email or by calling the school health office.

HS 860-627-0169 mlamas@ewct.org

MS 860-654-0094 mstroiney@ewct.org

BB 860-627-4986 cmichaud@ewct.org

Meals

Please remember breakfast and lunch are served daily at East Windsor Middle School from 7 am – 10 am. If you are unable to get to the Middle School for meal pick up, please contact your building administrator.

Meals will not be served on Memorial Day.

The last day for meals through East Windsor Public Schools will be June 18.

Re-Entry Planning

The Governor's office and the State Department of Education are creating guidance for districts to use when planning for the summer and fall. That guidance has not been provided yet but the administrative team has begun preliminary planning. Teachers, parents and students will be provided with information and opportunities for input at points throughout the process. We need to receive the state level guidance first, work through some preliminary planning and then share our thoughts and ideas. We know it is a stressful topic and the lack of information is adding stress to all of you and to school staff as well.

Survey for Students

The State Department of Education is requesting that we share information about a survey for students to provide feedback on distance learning. The letter is attached to this email. While it is generally assumed our older students will participate, if you feel your younger child can respond to the questions with your help, feel free to complete the survey.

Website

We have updated the district website to include a tab for "Distance Learning" and included all of the resources from the website onto one page. We hope you find this page helpful and encourage you to check back frequently as we update resources on a regular basis. Please let us know if there are any topics about which you would like information.

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Kaminski and I are continuing to research ways to make this year's graduation special. We are using guidance from the State Department of Education, along with the Governor's Executive Orders and input from the Health District. Parents will have an opportunity to hear the plans and ask questions. Please be patient a little bit longer as we work through the many complicated issues associated with graduation at this time.

Please keep checking the portal and Facebook for upcoming spirit days and other fun activities! There are a number of special days planned in the upcoming weeks.

We have a variety of ways we can support you and your children during distance learning so please contact your child's teacher or building administrator if we can offer help.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe

Christine