

March 19, 2020

Dear Families,

I realize that this is a very trying time for families, and hope that all of you are doing well. I wanted to share some important information with all of you.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: The East Windsor Schools continue to provide bagged breakfast and lunch for all students Monday – Friday 7 am – 10 am. These are available at East Windsor Middle School as “grab and go”. If you don’t have a way to pick up, please contact your child’s school and leave a message. We will try to make arrangements to assist you much as possible.

PHONE CALLS: Some of our staff may be trying to reach students or families by phone but the call may show as “no caller ID”. If you see a call like that, please pick up the call. Some of these calls may be teachers trying to check in on your child, answer questions etc... or related service providers offering assistance and they would very much like to make contact. I apologize in advance if you do pick up and it is a “junk” call but thank you in advance.

REPORT ILLNESS: Please remember to contact the nursing lines at your child’s school if your child is feeling sick.

Broad Brook -860-627-4986

East Windsor Middle School -860-654-0094

East Windsor High School -860-627-0169

Thank you for your help in allowing us to monitor the health of our staff and families.

RESOURCES: A list of resources that may help you while schools are closed has been provided on our website. Most of these resources are aimed at helping with fear and stress in your child. We will continue to update that list as additional sites are shared. If you would like assistance addressing stress, fear or other social/emotional issues for your child, please feel free to email your child’s teacher or principal and we will forward your information to one of our school social workers.

INTERNET: For those of you, who may need assistance with Internet, please see the message below from our Director of Technology:

East Windsor families/families that live in a Cox cable serviced area that need affordable internet can visit www.cox.com/c2c, or email connectnow@cox.com to see if they qualify. Cox can also be reached at 1 (800) 234-3993. Cox is offering the first month free, including one month of free remote helpdesk support, 9.95 a month after that. There are also low cost options for those that do not qualify.

If outside of East Windsor:

In a Comcast cable serviced area, families may visit <https://www.internetessentials.com> to see if they qualify. Comcast can also be reached at 1 (800) 934-6489

In a Charter cable serviced area families, may visit Spectrum Internet Assist <https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist> to see if they qualify. Charter can also be reached at 1 (833) 267-6094

We ask that you pass along phone numbers to anyone you may know who may want to access the Internet services listed above.

BUDGET: I have posted three documents related to the FY21 budget on the district website. They are a copy of the budget presented via teleconference to the Board of Finance last night by Mrs. Simonelli, BOE Chair; a copy of the BOE FY21 budget; and a list of the Opportunities to Keep, the staff, activities and services the BOE hopes to maintain for our students with the requested FY21 budget. Mrs. Simonelli and I are scheduled to review our budget with the Board of Finance Wednesday March 25 at the 7 pm meeting.

ATHLETICS: The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) has shared they are hoping for some portion of the spring sports schedule so have not cancelled the spring season as this time. Again, we will update you if we hear anything further and CIAC has been issuing press releases.

SCHOOL CLOSURE: With other superintendents, I participate in conference calls with the Commissioner of Education regarding any updates during the COVID 19 outbreak. There has been no update about school closures past the March 31 date. As we all know, things are changing very rapidly, but as of right now, this is the information I have. I will provide updates to families when I have confirmed information about anything going forward. No decision has been made about April vacation at this time but given the uncertainty right now, I ask families to remain flexible.

Thank you so much for your communication with teachers and administrators. Let me know if you have any questions.

Take care

Christine DeBarge

Superintendent

