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Dear Hartland School Community,

I would like to share with you the latest updates from the State of Connecticut and the State Department of Education regarding school closure and distance learning. As you are aware from my previous communication, Governor Lamont has signed an executive order to close all Connecticut schools through at least March 31, 2020. While we have this date, I believe it will just be a matter of time before this date is extended. I cannot predict what the state will do, but there could be a possibility that schools will be closed through the end of the school year. At Hartland School, we are planning for the worse and hoping for the best.

The State Department of Education has been providing the districts with guidance but given the uncharted waters we are in, their guidance is ever changing. During these unprecedented times, we need to be flexible and make changes as the situation progresses.

At this time, the state department's position on the 180-day waiver has changed and we no longer need to submit applications for a waiver. They are no longer requiring districts to end their academic year on June 30<sup>th</sup>. In this communication, the CSDE further stated that we are able to keep our current closing date, which is June 16, 2020.

In addition, the CSDE is no longer discouraging distance learning, and is encouraging districts to engage in distance learning as quickly as possible, even if plans aren't perfect.

At Hartland, we have been preparing for distance learning. Our students in grades 3 – 8 all have chrome books. We also asked families who did not have a device at home to please contact the school and we would make one available for you by Monday. I would like to thank all of you for responding so quickly and picking up a device for your family. We know this was short notice and sincerely appreciate your prompt response.

We will begin with distance learning for Kindergarten – Grade 8 on **Monday, March 30, 2020**. I will give you more details on this by the end of this week or early next week as we finalize our plans. At this time, we have updated our website to include a tab for Remote Learning Resources. If you click on this tab, you will see daily schedules and activities to support home learning until distance learning begins on March 30, 2020. You will also see some very good links for additional activities as

well. While these are not required activities for students to do, I would strongly encourage our students to engage in these activities during these two weeks.

We are also in the process of creating a page dedicated to the Coronavirus where all communications and resources will be located. We are hoping this will make it easier to navigate our website.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we respond to this extremely fluid situation. We have an extremely dedicated staff at Hartland School and I am confident that they will work to the best of their ability to provide engaging educational opportunities for your child. This is a very stressful time and we appreciate all of you working with us as we begin distance learning. We know there will be bumps in the road but we are committed to educating our children and will do what we need to achieve that.

I cannot thank the team enough, who is on the ground, making distance learning happen!! It has been an amazing experience. I also want to thank the staff for doing everything they can to make this a seamless process. We are very fortunate in Hartland to have such a committed group of individuals!! Everyone has pitched in to help!! I feel very fortunate to be part of such an amazing team of educators.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Let's continue to do our part to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Sincerely,

*Imma Canelli*

Superintendent of Schools

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