

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Phil Stevens, Superintendent

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Dear Willington Parents/Guardians,

Governor Lamont announced yesterday that students will not be physically returning to school for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a great disappointment for students, staff and parents, but the heart of the decision was made with consideration for student and staff safety as the most important priority. The Willington Public School's administration and staff will work to make the best of this unprecedented situation as our students are immensely important to us all. We are actively discussing the best way to facilitate a variety of major events including promotion ceremonies, kindergarten orientation, and 4th grade transition activities. Simple tasks such as reuniting students with items from their lockers and desks now requires organization and precision never needed before, but we will get through this together.

Open communication during this unprecedented time is critical. If your family is struggling balancing school work, home chores and your own work, please reach out to your child's teacher and let them know. We want you to know that we will continue to make decisions in the best interest of our students and families. The administrative team will be hosting three separate Zoom sessions next week to allow parents/guardians the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. We will provide the Zoom links in the Interim Learning Plan (ILP) letter on Sunday. If you have specific questions or thoughts regarding Special Education services you may contact Marcia McGinley, Director of Pupil Services at 860-429-1969.

The Willington Public Schools will continue facilitating the ILP through Wednesday, June 17, maintaining the balance of teacher assigned instruction and online programs. Technology and remote learning will never replace a physical in person classroom, but we will continue to provide students with the best education possible with the multitude of challenges we are currently facing. We realize many parents are concerned about missed concepts and future learning deficits. District staff are thoughtfully planning various strategies to address missed content during the COVID-19 closure, and a variety of supports will be developed for students.

Thank you for your continued support and please call the office at Hall Memorial School at 860-429-9391, Center Elementary School at 860-429-9367, or the Superintendent's office at 860-487-3130 if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

The Willington Public Schools Administrative Team