



## EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is my hope that everyone is remaining safe and doing the best they can under very challenging circumstances. Everyone's social and emotional well-being remains priority as we navigate this crisis. Administration and staff are here to assist all our families as best we can.

**I want to inform everyone that the upcoming April Vacation (4/13 - 4/17) will remain intact and be a 'vacation' as noted on the Board of Education approved 2019-2020 district calendar.**

Due to the holiday next Friday, April 10 (Good Friday), staff have the flexibility to release 'Continuing Educational Opportunities' on either Thursday, April 9 or Friday, April 10. Students will have until Thursday, April 23, to complete assignments. It is important to maintain this ongoing schedule of released work with a specified completion date.

I would like to thank everyone for completing our recent survey that we sent out yesterday. Your feedback is important as we prepare for the next level of educational engagement between staff, students, and families. We will share the survey results and provide additional updated information pertaining to learning activities early next week.

We continue to await further information from the Governor regarding the closing of school. At this time under his order we are closed through April 20 and expect to have a revised, later date soon.

As directed by the Governor and Department of Public Health, I encourage you to remain at home as much as possible and keep your children home as well. I fully understand the challenges with this for every family (especially dealing with teenagers who are struggling with the lost ability to socialize with their friends), but it remains imperative that we continue to do our due diligence to avoid contact with others and help to avoid any further spread of COVID-19. The sooner this virus is under control, the sooner we can get back to our school buildings and return to normalcy.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [Jeffrey.Newton@elpsk12.org](mailto:Jeffrey.Newton@elpsk12.org). Please remain safe and take care of each other.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Newton  
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*East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.*