



## EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First and foremost, it's my hope that everyone is remaining safe and following the recommendations of health officials and engaging in social distancing. It is imperative that we all continue to use best practices to avoid this virus and stay healthy.

The big question that we know parents are asking right now is '**are we going to do remote learning with kids?**'. The answer to that question is '**YES!**'. We have been working diligently over the last few days to prepare as best we can for this. I want to preface that this will not be perfect, and we will need to be patient and work together to ensure the best possible rollout occurs for students and families. The timeline for this process is as follows:


- **Monday, March 23, 2020: Teacher planning and preparation day (remotely)**
- **Tuesday, March 24, 2020: Teacher planning and preparation day (remotely)**
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2020: First day of remote learning begins for students**

We are fine tuning this rollout for all students and developing a daily and weekly schedule. We are also working on how to best serve our students with IEP's and 504 plans. We will work with our special education staff members and service providers to do the best we can to plan for home engagement and specific learning activities for all. The Student Services Office has been obtaining as much guidance as possible from the State Department of Education on how we roll this out for children and families in the most appropriate manner and to the best of our ability.

I ask that you continue to look for ongoing communication from my office, as well as your child's school in the very near future. In the meantime, we will continue to utilize our Monday/Thursday Parent Question and Answer link that will be updated and sent through Infinite Campus. At any point, you can also reference our website for any additional information.

I want to thank you all ahead of time for your patience and support through this unbelievably challenging time. Together we will work through each day to find answers to questions and support your children to the best of our ability. My best to you all and please continue to keep your families safe.

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.*