



EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

East Lyme Public Schools is eager to engage and support you and your students during the coming weeks. We have found that the best way to do this is by our educators offering all students ***weekly continued educational opportunities***. Our hope is that our continuous educational opportunities provide us with the opportunity to support and engage our East Lyme community of learners. This is new for everyone involved, there are bound to be some bumps along the way. Together, let's remember that challenges are also opportunities, and we'll be able to work through whatever struggles we face as we implement our new way of being. To help everyone to be successful, we have created a [Continued Educational Opportunities](#) guide for your reference.

What is the goal of East Lyme Continued Educational Opportunities?

The goal is to create opportunities for students and teachers to stay connected and continue engaging in learning, while remaining flexible and sensitive to the evolving and uncertain needs of students, staff, and families during this time.

- To maintain continued educational opportunities for students in the digital environment.
- To ensure connection and communication amongst staff and students.
- To maintain the requirements of the State Department of Education as it relates to remote learning.

What model of Remote Learning will our Students Experience?

There are two models for remote learning:

- **Synchronous:** Students and teachers are working together and interacting in a digital space concurrently.
- **Asynchronous:** Teachers post educational opportunities online. Students engage with opportunities and work at their own pace within a given timeframe.

East Lyme Public Schools will use an asynchronous model and will consider a transition to a hybrid model, including elements of synchronous learning, should the school closure extend.

We encourage you to also use this time to continue fostering student self-direction and independence in learning. While you may be curious about and interested in seeing what they are doing, please let your child do the work. By letting them work independently, we guarantee that you'll see what we see every day – that your children are capable of amazing things! Most importantly, please always remember that your family's health, physical and emotional well-being, is the very highest priority. As we begin our first teacher communication in regards to continued educational opportunities on Wednesday, March 25th, please know that our entire learning community stands ready to help in whatever way possible to ensure it is a safe, respectful and engaging experience for your child. I am always a phone call or email away should you need any additional information or support.

Sincerely,

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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.