June 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we come to the close of another school year, we want to take this opportunity to send out a special 'Thank You' to all of our parents and families for your patience, support, and understanding during what has been unprecedented times over the last five months.

Our East Lyme learning community fully understands the challenges families have faced with remote learning since the onset of the COVID-19 district closure. We will continue to support all students to ensure that educational equity is a priority moving forward. Continuing learning over the summer is essential to keeping our students actively engaged as learners. You are encouraged to visit our Summer Learning resource sites and grade level guides to assist you with supporting your child’s growth over the summer months. Educators will be working to develop additional parent resources and guides over the course of July and August so that the parent, student and teacher partnership around learning continues to strengthen in our new teaching and learning landscape.

In looking forward to the fall with optimism, our educators will be prepared for synchronous learning during the 2020-2021 school year and will be equipped with the means to accelerate individual student growth in a blended learning environment. To support and provide digital access to all students, mobile devices have been purchased as an instructional resource. Our goal is to have the capacity to implement multiple instructional pathways that meet our students needs as we plan for an adaptable system of teaching and learning.

We hope you have some downtime, peace and quality time with your family during the summer months. Thank you, again, for all your support and efforts with remote learning at home. We have a wonderful and supportive school community because of the dedication of our parents and staff. If we can be of any assistance over the summer, please do not hesitate to email us.

Yours in Educational Partnership,

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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.