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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Staff, Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As noted in my last letter to you dated, March 17, 2020, this school district has shifted our thinking from short-term considerations. We have developed and are prepared to implement, **beginning Monday, March 23rd, a distance learning plan for all students in the West Haven Public Schools. Teachers will be available from 9:15 a.m. until 1:05 p.m. Monday through Friday.** Teachers will communicate utilizing Google Classroom, email, apps, and phone conversations to ensure students are participating in assignments and activities. Support staff will assist families who are having difficulties accessing technology and modifying assignments, and special area teachers will also be offering ideas and lessons in their areas of expertise.

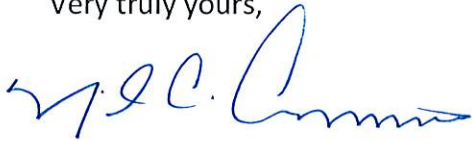
Teachers may be working from home or at school. Administrators will be on site, and additional clerical staff have been assigned to each building to field questions and reach out to teachers when necessary. Those families that have limited access to the internet or computers should contact their schools for suggestions and advice. We will be providing school contact information at our breakfast and lunch locations, and we are strongly encouraging you to contact your child's school directly. Our staff will to our best to accommodate you in a timely manner.

In the latest executive order issued by Governor Lamont, he eliminated the need to submit for waivers and timelines. This means that with the appropriate learning plan in place, **we will**

now be able to end the school year as originally planned on June 12th. For this to happen, we're going to need everyone's cooperation and understanding as we pilot a new experience for staff, students, and the entire community. We'll figure this out together, and what we do now may very well be the future of things to come in the field of education. As Education Commissioner, Miguel Cardona stated in his last memorandum to all of the Superintendents of Schools in Connecticut, "Together, we got this!"

Thank you for all of your continued patience and understanding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your school administrator with questions or concerns. You may also contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil C. Cavallaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "C".

Neil C. Cavallaro
Superintendent of Schools