



Weston Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent
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MEMORANDUM

To: WPS Families and Staff
From: William S. McKersie, Ph.D., Superintendent
Date: March 24, 2020
Subject: Subject: 3-24-20 Superintendent's Update: School Calendar Decisions

I hope you are sustaining your energy and spirit. I am awed by the intense work by WPS staff to provide our students Distance Learning--at an extent and scale never tried before. (A college president wrote last week that, "never before have we at once attempted to educate all students remotely from kindergarten through graduate school.") Families, please know we will continue to do everything we can to support and educate your students in this new educational reality.

We are sending out lots of communications, with it flowing from teachers, counselors, principals and central office administrators. To help families and staff make note of what may arrive from me, all communications from the Superintendent's Office will be labeled as "*Superintendent's Update: ADD TOPIC.*"

This update pertains to School Closure, Spring Vacation and the Last Day of School.

School Closure Update

As most of you know, Governor Lamont announced late yesterday that all public schools in Connecticut **will remain closed until at least April 20, 2020.** Decisions on reopening the Weston Public Schools will be made based on guidance from the State, Weston-Westport Health District and Town of Weston EOC.

Spring Vacation Update

Area districts are deciding how to handle their Spring Vacations, typically during mid-April. Some districts are cancelling the full break; some are taking a two-day break, linked to a weekend; some are taking the full break as scheduled. The Weston BOE will decide in its virtual BOE Meeting on Thursday March 26, 2020 (6:00 p.m.) how we will handle Spring Vacation this year. I will send an update on Friday as to the BOE's decision.

Last Day of School

We still are operating with the plan that our final day of school for students will be Friday, June 12, 2020. We will keep you posted if the date has to change for any reason. (Please note that the decision regarding Spring Vacation will have no bearing on the last day of school.)

Please be well.

Bill