

# East Haddam Public Schools

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Dear Families,

Having experienced almost 4 hours of parades at the elementary and the middle school in the last 24 hours, and thinking of the accomplishments of our Hale-Ray senior class of 2020, the thought that comes to mind is simply: *we did it!* and we did it together. We went to virtual distance-learning practically overnight and have come through this spring strong. I have a debt of gratitude for our students, our parents and our staff for making this happen together.

We are currently preparing and will continue to prepare for the fall re-opening process. The State Department of Education has over the past few weeks attempted to create guidelines for the fall for the entire State of Connecticut. This guidance is not available at this time and I understand will not be ready for another several weeks. Our school and district-based re-opening teams have started meeting to work through some of the logistical challenges of opening with social distancing guidelines in effect this fall. Responding to COVID-19 has taught us to be adaptable and flexible. We are developing a menu of options to choose from as we get closer to re-opening. Creating options will give us the greatest flexibility as fall approaches. I will continue to communicate with you this summer, as more information becomes available.

The East Haddam School District was recently approved to serve meals this summer. We plan to distribute meals from the high school from 11:30AM-12:30PM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please note that we have adjusted the pick-up time to a length of one hour. Meals are available for any child in the East Haddam School District under the age of 18. I am very proud of our staff and volunteers that worked to make this a reality.

Have a wonderful summer. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions and/or concerns. Thank you again for your collaboration, patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



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