

East Haddam Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you some information about the schools' response to the election, an update on COVID 19 as it relates to our district and changes to the meal service.

Election:

The election is all over the internet, news, and social media. There are many adults upset and unsettled sharing their thoughts on social media platforms, and in person. In this context, our students are experiencing these conditions vicariously at least and in some cases directly. We know from experience that the first and most important thing we can do for our children is to give them an opportunity to share how they feel with an adult. The act of sharing their feelings can help alleviate a child's stress. While some older students may be ready to enter into the political debate, younger students may be more focused on the fact that there are upset adults on the screen in front of them. Please accept this as gentle encouragement to take a moment to listen to your child about the current political process. We are prepared at the schools to support our students through these tumultuous times.

COVID Update:

The Governor announced on Monday that the state moved from level 3 to level 2.1 due to the increasing numbers of cases in the state. With that said, I think it is important to note that East Haddam's COVID numbers continue to be very low. The Governor and the Department of Public Health are indicating that the plan is for schools to stay open for in-person learning as we move through this phase of the pandemic. The district will continue to work with Chatham Health District in making local decisions as to the type of learning model offered. The Connecticut Department of Public Health has found that due to the mitigation strategies implemented in schools, the school environment is the most safe place for students to be.

Holidays:

Just a reminder, if you do plan to travel for vacation times, and have questions about how this may affect your child's attendance at school, please feel free to email our COVID Liaison at covid.liaison@easthaddamschools.org to confirm testing and quarantine expectations.

Meals:

We are providing meals in the schools for our in-school learners each school day. All other East Haddam children, 18 years or younger can pick up the weekday Grab and Go meals at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School on Mondays at 4:00pm. As of November 6, we will be offering meals for 7-days a week. Weekend meals for Saturdays and Sundays for all children can be picked up on Friday's at 4:00pm at the high school. We ask you to sign up with MyPaymentsPlus and order all meals in advance; including the weekend grab n go meals, so we have enough prepared. At this time, meals continue to be free until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Questions can be directed to Laura Cardinal at laura.cardinal@easthaddamschools.org

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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