AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 Bethany Orange Woodbridge 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525



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Dear Amity Community -

Thank you again for your patience and forbearing during the past few days. I appreciate the concern you have shown for our students, families, community, and staff. Many of you have communicated support and a willingness to work together and think creatively during this time.

At this time, we are working on the following:

- **Thorough cleaning of all school buildings.** School buildings remain closed to all but essential staff until they have been thoroughly cleaned.
- Implementing food service for children PK-12. Amity Regional Schools will begin offering a food service program to all students in Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge. Information on food service will be shared with families and posted on all district websites soon.
- **Preparing for distance learning.** The Commissioner of Education is supporting districts in preparation of off-site learning. Our school staff are beginning arrangements for off-site learning. This may include, but may not be limited to online learning, packet learning, and face to face instruction. Further information will be coming from schools and teachers in the event we transition to off-site learning opportunities.

We continue to take in and respond to the information and directives from the Governor's Office, the State Department of Education, and the Departments of Health and we will continue to take direction from them while considering the needs and resources of our community. I will be on a conference call with the Governor this evening for the latest guidance. Please continue to check the website for updated information.

Again, thank you and be well.

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