March 13, 2020

Dear New London Public Schools’ Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff,

In addition to the high-level, joint information shared by our group of regional superintendents, I wish to share New London specific resources, tools and support systems effective today.

Facilities/Academics:

• Schools will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16th, for the purpose of parents/guardians having the opportunity to pick up Student Learning Packets in the main office of your child’s school. Although not required, it is our hope that families will choose to keep their student actively engaged in learning during school closures. These activities have been developed in conjunction with teachers from each grade level and offer enrichment learning opportunities for two weeks at a time.

• Parents/Guardians will have an additional option to pick up Student Learning Packets for students through a drive-through service in the parking lot of Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16th.

• Schools will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16th, for the purpose of parents/guardians having the opportunity to come to schools to pick up students’ medications from the Nurse’s Office, if applicable.

• After Monday, March 16th, students and families will not have access to district facilities.

Communication Avenues:

• The district will be publishing WEEKLY updates to all constituents. These are planned to go out each Friday. Communications will be shared through the district website, www.newlondon.org, our district social media sites (Facebook, Twitter), and through School Messenger (phone calls and emails).

• Our district website now has an active COVID-19 survey through which parents, students, staff and community members may submit their questions or concerns. We will be receiving and responding to a variety of questions daily. These responses will be updated and posted on our website, www.newlondon.org. Please use the QR code below, or click on the survey link here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLPS_COVID19.

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Food Services:

- New London Public Schools' Child Nutrition Program will provide an opportunity for families to pick up lunch and breakfast for the following day in a grab and go fashion for children 18 and under. This will occur beginning Monday March 16th. Food distribution will occur at four school sites, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Available Sites

- New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus, 490 Jefferson Avenue, Gym Entrance Parking Lot
- Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School, 74 Grove Street, Front Parking Lot
- Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus, 36 Waller Street, Open field on the Lincoln Ave. Side
- Harbor Elementary School, 432 Montauk Avenue, Front Lawn

Children must be present in order for meals to be provided. Meals will be provided based on the number of children present. This program will be solely for the pick-up of meals, and meals will not be consumed on-site. We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by not congregating at the school site and utilizing social distancing once meals have been distributed.

Resources:

- Our district website will continue to collate and share a variety of COVID-19 educational tools and resources. We continue to receive this guidance from local and state health professionals and will post such on our district website.
- Any member of the community can call the following HOTLINE number 1-203-668-1700 should they have any questions or need assistance with COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Ritchie
Superintendent of Schools