Online Questions submitted through March 16, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

1. Will Waterford Public Schools be closed too? If so, when?
   • Yes, find more information here: https://www.waterfordschools.org/our_district/news/announcements/district_update

2. Are you making up these days missed during April break?
   • That is not the current plan. As of now we remain closed for April break.

3. Are we going to have any type of work? My grades need to go up!
   • Student Activity Packets can be picked up today, Monday, March 16 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at your school. From 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. work for grades K-8 may be picked up from the BDJ Multi Magnet School Campus and Work for grades 9-12 may be picked up at the New London High School Multi Magnet School Campus. While we encourage all to complete this work, it is not required, and will not count towards grades at this time.

4. Will there still be an opportunity for grab and go community meals weekly?
   • Community meals are currently once per month. The next one was scheduled for April 8th and, at this time, is canceled. Our main priority in the coming weeks/months will be feeding students.

5. Are teachers allowed to assign work over the 2 weeks?
   • The only work currently available for students to complete are the Student Activity Packets. Teachers will be invited to participate in additional work production/special projects by the Superintendent this evening. Please sign up if you are interested.

6. Are the dates to pick up work for my kids posted?
   • Yes, work is available for pick-up today. Please follow this link for more information: https://www.newlondon.org/our_district/announcements/whats_new/student_learning_packets

7. Will there be online school?
   • At this time, we are providing learning packets for our students.

8. About the breakfast and lunch pickups... It says all children must be present. Some of my children have asthma and I’m having them social distance as much as possible. Is there anyway the one child could get the meals?
   • Yes, parents and/or students can pick up meals for their children under the age of 18.

9. Can you post additional educational worksheets online here? If the kids have a password keychain how do we access that?
   • At this time, the district is providing learning packets for students. As updated guidance is provided from the State Department of Education, further educational opportunities may be shared. We will plan updates for every two weeks.

10. Is Spring Break (Easter Break) to be canceled to limit the missed days?
    • That is not the current plan. As of right now we will remain closed for April break.

11. What is being done to make the paras, food service, etc whole during this non-working period
    • Information will be forthcoming from your union and Superintendent Ritchie

12. Will teachers provide a period of learning via teleconference during the day?
At this time, the district is providing learning packets for students. As updated guidance is provided from the State Department of Education, further educational opportunities may be shared. Staff are being asked to participate in special projects in hopes to be able to connect with students (virtually) in some fashion in the near future.

13. Can you recommend learning apps for my elementary grade children?
   • Additional supplemental learning sites will be shared with families via our district website and social media apps.

14. I’m working and can’t make it to the office to pick up packets. Can I get them emailed or mailed?
   • At this time, we are not mailing or emailing packets to parents, however, we are exploring the ability to post all work online for at-home digital access. Physical packets can be picked up today at Winthrop on March 16th from 8AM – 4PM and then at the Middle School from 4PM – 7PM. We will be posting another opportunity for pick up this week soon.

15. Are the packets we receiving generic or different per child?
   • Elementary packets are developed by grade level, secondary packets are developed by subject area.

16. Will the SAT exam be rescheduled for a later date?
   • The SAT scheduled for next week has been postponed. We are awaiting guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education and College Board regarding AP Exams too. Updates will be shared with students and families as they become available.

17. Can I die from COVID-19?
   • Please check the CDC website for accurate and reliable information regarding COVID-19 https://www.newlondon.org/our_district/announcements/whats_new/student_learning_packets

18. Will full-time teachers be paid their regular salary bi-weekly throughout the closure?
   • Please speak with your union representatives for more information on assignments, pay, etc.

19. Why are staff not allowed to enter the school buildings after Monday?
   • We are currently working on a deep disinfection of each building. If we allow staff into the buildings, we risk contamination.

20. Will we submit grades and send report cards according to the previous scheduled dates?
   • Yes, elementary report cards are scheduled to be completed as planned.

21. You said food will be provided to children 18 and under. My students receive special services. One of them is 19. What about her?
   • Yes, students who receive special services (only) are eligible for food up to age 21.

22. When are we going back to school?
   • As of right now, we are closed indefinitely. Updates will be communicated weekly regarding the status of schools. The Superintendent’s communications will definitely go out every Friday. With that said, check our website daily as they may be more frequently than that.

23. When and where are the pick-up times for learning packets?
• Work is available for pick-up today. Please follow this link for more information: https://www.newlondon.org/our_district/announcements/whats_new/student_learning_packets

24. Do students need to be present to get food? I do not have a ride to get the food. Help.
   • The government made some accommodations over the weekend and students do not need to be present to get served food. We are not requiring ID’s to pick up food. We have also allowed parents and siblings to pick up food for others in the family. We are not offering home delivery of food currently. If you need this service, please contact us and we can direct you to other agencies that can assist.

25. Instead of picking up the packets in person, can we just print them from home?
   • We are looking into options for the future. At this time, we are providing printed copies of student learning packets to be sure all students have equal access to activities.

26. What is the plan to ensure hourly paraprofessionals continue to be paid?
   • Hourly paraprofessionals should speak with their union representation regarding assignments, work schedules, etc. Additional communications to members of this unit will go out at the end of the day on Monday.

27. Will there be schoolwork given out to the students that they work on while not in school?
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28. Why didn’t Nathan school provide more assignments for people who don’t have printers?
   • All elementary students received learning assignments for the 10-day school closing period. The assignments given out are the same for each elementary school.

29. Will school end up canceled completely?
   • No one knows the future. We will continue to heed guidance from the health and state officials and will keep all updated via our website and social media platforms.