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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Each week, our district leadership team is conducting meetings to reflect on and refine the Interim Learning Plan based upon feedback from staff and families. We are appreciative of the suggestions, feedback, and successes you have shared with us since the implementation of the plan.

The intent of this letter is to provide an update and next steps regarding the delivery of instruction and support services through the duration of distance learning.

- 1. Student Support Day:** After April Vacation, Friday of each week will be designated as a Student Support Day and will provide the opportunity for students to reinforce key concepts and skills, complete assignments, and submit completed work and assessments. Teachers have been asked to refrain from introducing any new instructional content or assignments on this day. Staff will continue to schedule video meetings with classes and arrange additional office hours. Families wishing to receive additional materials for academic enrichment should contact the Office of Curriculum & Instruction at (860) 684-4213, or by email at autieris@stafford.k12.ct.us.
- 2. Student Classroom Workload:** We are grateful for the dedication of our staff and their efforts to develop instructional content and supports for all of our students. As a general guideline, we are asking that classroom teachers assign a manageable amount of student work that emphasizes the key instructional outcomes for the unit of instruction. It is not a reasonable expectation that all facets of the curriculum will be covered in the distance learning format. Staff will continue to work on refining the expectations for our learners to ensure that students do not become overwhelmed.
- 3. Continuation of Distance Learning Model:** Governor Lamont has extended the duration of distance learning until May 20, 2020. The final day of school is scheduled to be Friday, June 19, 2020. Additional details regarding grading, graduation requirements, and end of year procedures will be provided as they become available.

We would like to thank you for your support and willingness to try something new during this unprecedented time. This has been a challenging road for each of us, and we will continue to review

our Interim Learning Plan and refine it as necessary to best meet the needs of our students. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any suggestions or questions you may have.

Stay safe and healthy and enjoy your April break.

Sincerely,

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