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“What if” Scenario

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Hello Seymour Public School Community,

As you are aware, we have been in constant contact with the Naugatuck Valley Health District with our message of being proactive in terms of personal and building cleanliness. We are constantly working on keeping our buildings clean in order to prevent the spread of germs. All-Star Transportation is also doing their part by continuing to follow measures to ensure the safety of students and staff, preventing the spread of viruses. Sanitation sprays and wipes are the primary tools used in this effort. The growing concern of the public has encouraged All-Star to increase the frequency and consistency of their procedures. Each bus will be sanitized at the end of the day, each day. Our partnership with the Naugatuck Valley Health District has been terrific throughout this time of concern with the COVID19 virus. We will continue to communicate with them and provide any updates when they become available.

In the event that the State of Connecticut or the Federal Government were to mandate the closing of schools, we would close as we would for an inclement weather day. Similarly, if through conversations with the Naugatuck Valley Health District a decision were made to close our schools, we would close as we would for an inclement weather day. In either of the referenced scenarios, if schools were to be closed down for a length of time (up to 10 school days), our last day of school would be pushed back until June 25, 2020. If additional time was needed:

- We would have three more days to use, which would make our last day June 30, 2020.
- If more than 13 days were needed, then we would have to take days from our April break in order to end school by June 30, 2020 as this is the last possible day that students, teachers, and administrators can report for the 2019 – 2020 school year.
- If more than 18 days were needed, we would have to petition the state for a shorter school year.

If schools were to be closed, no students, teachers, or staff would report with the exception of custodial employees. All athletic events, including practices, will be canceled throughout this time as well. The only building that will be accessible will be Central Office. Administrators will report to Central Office for the first seven of the days during this window and the remaining three at the end of the year until June 30, 2020.

In terms of students keeping up with their maintenance of skills in the event that we are to close, we would recommend that you encourage your children to continue their reading and to practice their math facts at all levels. As of March 10, 2020 all state assessments are proceeding as planned per the Commissioner of Education. Remember, this is the “what if” scenario that we will use should the need arise for us to cancel school.

Once again, for further information, you can text the number 898211 and put CTCOVID in the message box. The 2-1-1 hotline is also available 24 hours a day and has multilingual and hearing-impaired assistance available.

Thank you,

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