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Hello East Granby Families,

I hope this message finds you well. It has been a very busy week and I know you are tired.

Let me start by saying thank you for your efforts on the home front. We recognize that there is a LOT going on and families are constantly juggling responsibilities. As a school district, we have realized that implementing a distance learning plan for a week or two is much different than one expected to carry through long term. Please know that we are listening to your feedback and adjusting accordingly. What is just right for schoolwork in one household may be too much in another and too little for still others. We also recognize that this can change from day to day even within one household. Please keep talking with your child's teacher and administration; we will work with you to match your needs and help find a balance. We also understand that your children are missing their teachers; the feeling is mutual! We will strive to find ways to keep students connected as a school community.

There is a link on the EGPS website, COVID-19 Information & Resources, that we continually populate: <https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/parents/covid-19/>. Whenever appropriate, I will post quick updates on the district Twitter feed. This is located on the district home page and is public so you do not need a Twitter account to read the "tweets".

April Vacation (4/10 - 4/17): Spring break will remain April 13th -17th; Good Friday will be observed on Friday, April 10th.

Additional Google Classroom support:

East Granby parent, Len Beman, is a Google certified Super Administrator with over 12 years of experience with Google Classroom. He has volunteered to be an additional support for parents. Email is the best way to contact Len.

Email address ~ bemaiiii@gmail.com

Subject line ~ Google Classroom

Message ~ It would be helpful to be as specific as possible with your question or concern. Please also include a phone number and best time to be reached. Len will walk you through a solution over the phone or set up a virtual meeting. Thank you, Len!

Updates from the Governor and from the Connecticut State Department of Education:

Governor Lamont has cancelled classes through April 20, 2020 (which is actually a Monday).

On March 20, 2020, the Connecticut State Department of Education was granted a federal waiver to suspend assessments for the current school year. This includes The Smarter Balanced Assessment and Next Generation Science Standards Assessment. Communication regarding SAT and AP testing will be communicated through the high school administration and school counselors.

Enjoy some screen downtime over the weekend. Stay well and stay home!

Missy Bavaro-Grande and the East Granby Administrative Team