

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents of Region 14 students,

We are contacting you again to provide an update of the status of our schools as the COVID 19 virus continues to evolve in our state. We met today with the Torrington Area Health District, the Pomperaug Valley Health District, Emergency Management Officials, the Selectman for Bethlehem and Woodbury, Board of Education Members and Building Administration. Initially, we had hoped to reopen schools next week. Based on the guidance we have received from the multiple agencies we have been working with on a daily basis, the decision has been made to close our schools and offices until further notice. This decision was made to ensure the health and safety of our students and their families.

The Administrative Team has developed Region 14 supplemental education opportunities for Pre K - 12 and it will be posted on the Region's website over the course of the weekend. This supplement is meant to allow families access to websites and resources as an optional learning experience during this closure.

Grab and go options for free and reduced lunch students will be available at Mitchell School and Bethlehem Elementary School. A separate email and phone call with more information on this program will be sent to eligible students.

We will periodically reach out to you via email, phone and through our website for updates as we navigate this situation.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Olzacki, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools