

Dear CTRA Family,

I hope this email finds you doing well. As you know, this is an incredibly challenging time for everyone as we prioritize the health and safety of all but also seek to provide some normalcy from our schools.

A short time ago, a letter went to staff and families throughout our LEARN community detailing the plans for our next phase of learning during what could be an extended closure. I urge you to remain patient and flexible as this is not only new for everyone but is also a constantly evolving situation. At LEARN, we are committed to adapting to the situation in order to best serve our children, families and staff.

In addition to the communication that went out to all schools, we wanted to provide you with some specific details for our CTRA community:

### ***Online Platform***

Learning at CTRA will continue through Google Classroom. Teachers will be updating assignments and resources on a weekly basis. Your students will be able to log in as usual and access information from their existing Google Classroom accounts. If you have any trouble with this, please contact Jennifer Rainey at [jrainey@ctriveracademy.org](mailto:jrainey@ctriveracademy.org).

### ***Access***

Should you need assistance with obtaining a loaner computer or access to internet services, please reach out to JT Foster or call him at 860-460-3009. Our school will assist you as best we can or will work with you to develop a plan for hard copies of assignments if needed. Also, any technology-related problems can be reported to our helpdesk at [help@novusinsight.com](mailto:help@novusinsight.com).

### ***SAT***

We encourage you to monitor the College Board website as the situation continues to develop. At this time, SAT dates in the foreseeable future have been cancelled. We are awaiting guidance which we will share when we receive it.

### ***Grades***

As we were approaching the end of the quarter prior to the closure, students will have an opportunity to submit missing work or make up assignments that were listed in the gradebook when we closed. Students will have until April 3<sup>rd</sup> at midnight to submit any missing work from quarter three. A decision about quarter four will be made when we have a better idea of the potential duration of our closure.

### ***Capstone and Senior Graduation Requirements***

All CTRA seniors will be hearing directly from their Capstone teachers, and a modified version of the project will be in place for the remainder of the year. In his most recent executive order, Governor Lamont relaxed most graduation requirements in the state. Capstone is currently a graduation requirement at CTRA; however, we are awaiting further guidance and discussion on the impact of the closure on this particular requirement. Students should continue working on this component as they are in other courses; we will modify the expectations in the future based on the realities of the situation.

### ***Early College Courses at Goodwin University***

Scholars enrolled in Goodwin University courses through our Early College program will follow the parameters and guidelines set forward by the University and their instructors. At this time, all Goodwin University courses are running as online courses. CTRA staff are making themselves available to support scholars with these courses throughout the semester.

### ***Calendar***

Governor Lamont and Commissioner Cardona have waived the 180 day requirement for schools. As such, CTRA will continue to observe April vacation with a final day of school and graduation scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>.

We know that the coming days will likely produce many questions. As we always have, we are counting on your partnership, feedback, and collaboration to make the very best out of an extremely challenging situation. If we can be of support to you and your family in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Respectfully,

Tara Amatrudo and JT Foster