



ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 24, 2020

Good afternoon Ansonia Families,

I want to keep you updated as we receive new information from the Governor. He announced last night that the earliest that students would return to school is **April 20, 2020**. Even though I knew this information was coming, I was still taken aback by the news.

Many people have asked, what does this do to our school schedule? At this time, it is too early to say what our schedule will look like. I can say that as of today, our last day of school is **Friday, June 12, 2020**. I appreciate everyone's willingness to step up during this time; the distance learning experience is challenging for all involved. Our teachers are doing their very best to prepare for the start of online distance learning for all students on **Monday, March 30, 2020**. For this week, students are urged to complete their learning packets and use the online learning programs that are posted on our website under the [Distance Learning link](#).

We understand that some families, who do not have a desktop computer, laptop or tablet, were unable to pick up a Chromebook from our schools last week. Please be advised that we have added two more days for people to pick up their Chromebooks or to exchange ones that are not working. The pick-up location is Ansonia High School (20 Pulaski Highway), and the dates and times are Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26 from 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

As a reminder, all school buildings are closed. At Ansonia High, the area under the canopy at the main entrance will be used for Chromebook pick-ups for the next two days. **These dates will be the last two pick-up times available due to building closures.** If you cannot make it during these times, please arrange to have someone pick up a Chromebook for you to ensure your child is prepared for the start of distance learning on Monday, March 30. We thank you and we appreciate your cooperation during these unprecedented times.

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I know this time is emotionally and physically draining. Please stay healthy! I don't know how much longer COVID-19 will have Connecticut on lockdown. I will work with the BOE and our other stakeholders to identify the best course of action for our students and community. Thank you for your support and commitment to Ansonia...remember, we are Ansonia Strong.

Hang in there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Joseph DiBacco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops and a prominent "D" at the beginning.

Dr. Joseph DiBacco, *Superintendent of Schools*