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Dear Parents and Families,

I offer this final note of encouragement to you before we reopen schools on Monday and embark on the implementation of our Distance Learning Plan. Administrators, teachers and all support staff are excited to welcome our students back next week! Staff has been hard at work this week readying themselves and their virtual classrooms to begin teaching in this exciting new learning environment on Monday, March 30th.

We understand for many of you the technical and logistical aspects of this new learning model are unfamiliar and causing some consternation in regards to proficiency in the use of new learning devices in your home, questions about logging onto the virtual platforms and signing onto accounts. Please know that there will be speed bumps along the way next week, especially Monday and Tuesday.

With that in mind, we want to share with you the following procedures should you need technical support. If you or your student has trouble logging into an account or accessing Google Classroom please email the classroom teacher as she/he has login information for your child and can assist in that manner. Any issues specific to the computer hardware including a device that won't turn on, a defective camera or microphone, a keyboard that isn't working, please call the IT Department secretary, Heather Lebovitz at 860-572-0506 ext. 2154 for assistance. She will take your information and a member of the technology department will be in contact with you to address the problem. Note that due to the district wide transition to online learning and the anticipated initial demand for technical assistance, you may not get an immediate response. Please be patient as we navigate through the first few days in our virtual schools.

Also, I would encourage you to visit our [district website](#) to access the Distance Learning page as it has been updated today with additional tutorials and resources to help you and your child to prepare for the school day on Monday. More resources will be added on this page continually as we progress through the next few weeks of distance learning.

All of us here in Stonington Public Schools ask for your patience, teamwork and good humor as we transition into this new delivery method of teaching and learning.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Van W. Riley".

Dr. Van Riley  
Superintendent