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Superintendent of Schools

Dear Region 14 Parents and Friends,

As you know, Governor Lamont has made the decision that all Connecticut schools will continue on with "distance learning" for the rest of this school year. Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for their flexibility and willingness to support students. We have worked hard to address every issue that has arisen and in the future, if problems arise, please continue to reach out to the school administration and we will work with you to assure success.

We have had many phone calls from parents asking "when can we pick up our child's belongings from their school?" Very shortly, you will be hearing from your child's school to inform you of the days and time that items may be picked up.

Also, and of great importance, we <u>are</u> having a graduation for the members of the Nonnewaug Senior Class. We believe strongly that these students deserve to celebrate with towns alongside them! We are meeting today to discuss and plan for a graduation that is a celebration but also maintains social distancing and other protections.

Finally, the food banks are getting low on food. Bins for drop off are available at BES & MES from 12-1 and at WMS during daytime hours. The items most needed are:

- soups canned mixed vegetables canned carrots canned peas canned spinach juice bottles and juice boxes or pouches paper towels
- napkins toilet paper facial tissues fruit cups instant pudding mix and pudding cups boxed plain potatoes boxed flavored potatoes
- canned potatoes Jello peanut butter jellies or jams canned chili Canned pork and beans canned hash beef stew

If you are able, please help the Woodbury and Bethlehem food banks.

With every best wish,

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

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