

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

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Pupil Services Department



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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Congratulations to all of our students and families for successfully navigating off-site learning for nearly three months. This certainly was not an easy process for you as parents, our students, or our staff. However, as Cindy and I have been saying, together we can do this. Together we did do it. We are grateful for the support you provided your child(ren) throughout this process. Parents, children, and staff alike came together as one; to turn a mandated school closure and accompanying off-site learning into a reasonable success. There is no doubt that there are areas we can improve and should off-site learning return, we are committed to making those improvements.

A reminder that after reviewing the *Reopen Connecticut: Rules for Operating Summer Schools During COVID-19*, Connecticut State Department of Education; Bureau of Special Education Brief on ESY, and consulting with our School Nursing department, District Medical Advisor, Facilities Department,, Business office, the Orange Health Department, and the Quinnipiac Valley Health District, we have decided to provide **ESY Services via off-site (virtual) learning**. Those families whose students are eligible for ESY service have been connected directly by the district. If your child(ren) are eligible for ESY and you have not received an email from the district regarding ESY, please contact Mr. DaPonte at Nicholas.DaPonte@amityregion5.org

The district is happy to announce the following new hires to our Pupil Services Department: Ms. Alyssa Kopjanski will be staying with Amity as a special education teacher in the Amity Transition Academy. Prior to joining Amity as a long term substitute in March, Ms. Kopjanski completed her student teaching at Thomas Edison Middle School and ACES Mill Academy. Additionally, Ms. Kopjanski has worked as a behavioral technician at BenHaven. Ms. Jennifer Galiani will be joining the Amity family as a special education teacher at Amity Middle School Orange. Prior to working in Amity, Ms. Galiani has worked as a special education teacher in Stratford, an Instructional Assistant at Milestones Behavioral Health, and completed her student teaching at Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg, NY.

The district will have school psychologists available Tuesday-Thursday by appointment only for counseling support related to COVID-19 from July 6th to July 31st. This support is being provided to students and families as a non-IEP service. This support does not replace the function of 2-1-1 and/or private therapists. To make an appointment, please contact the Pupil Services office at 203.397.4820

Cindy and I wish you and your family continued health and safety during the summer months. We look forward to seeing everyone (in-person hopefully) in the fall.

Stay well and healthy,

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