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Dear East Islip,

School Districts across Long Island are grappling with the logistics of an unprecedented shut down. Suffolk County Superintendents are working closely to try to keep all districts on the same page, but each district has different issues that they must individually address. In an effort to keep East Islip united, we are instituting the following process:

As information becomes available from state and local officials and we determine the East Islip School District's course of action, the following plan will be implemented in this order to provide you with official information:

Step 1. Mr. Manzo, Mr. Harrison and Dr. Belz will be informing principals, assistant principals and directors with an official written update. These administrators will disseminate this written information directly to their faculty and staff members.

Step 2. The District will send e-mail blasts, social media posts and robo-calls when appropriate to our families.

Step 3. PTA Council will be posting on their PTA Facebook page written official statements provided by the district on East Islip School District letterhead.

These written communications will provide you with accurate information and hopefully limit the spread of rumors and half-truths. If you have any questions, please email your appropriate administrator so we can get you answers as they relate to the operations of the East Islip School District.

Thank you for all of your efforts to create "**Connected Educational Experiences**" for our students.

At a time like this what matters most is that our students have some semblance of normalcy. Reading, writing, arithmetic, exercising and communication are vital. I am so proud and appreciative to be the Superintendent of Schools in a district where our main educational goal during these challenging times is to keep our kids connected to their learning experiences.

Please make every effort to connect with your kids/students and reassure them that we will get through this together. During this unprecedented time what matters most is that we are all making an effort to be connected. All I ask for is your patience as we establish new normals in our world of "**Connected Educational Experience.**"

At this time, I would personally like to extend my deepest, sincere, thank you to our Board of Education, administrative team, the East Islip Teacher's Association (**EITA**), the East Islip Administrator's Association

(EIASA), the United Public Service Employees Association **(UPSEU)**, the PTA and the numerous Booster Clubs for all of their efforts during these difficult times. Team work truly does make the dream work!

Sincerely,

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P.S. East Islip-Just when I thought it was not possible, I find another reason to love you a little more.