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Dear Parents & Guardians,

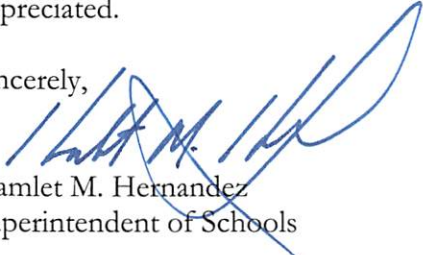
As the impact of COVID-19 becomes more evident, we will begin to experience changes to our daily routine. Earlier this week the Connecticut Inter-Scholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) abruptly concluded the high school winter postseason tournaments, effectively ending the winter season for high school sports. This decision is profoundly impactful and created great disappointment for our student-athletes, their families, and the entire school community.

We also want to inform you that yesterday, we communicated with students and staff regarding the postponement of the high school spring musical. After considering the Department of Public Health (DPH) recommendation and weighing alternatives to avoiding public assemblies of 100 people or more, the decision to postpone the musical was made. It is our intention to announce new dates for the performance once we have coordinated with other spring BHS events.

In the days and weeks ahead, the District will continue to coordinate closely and daily with the Town and DPH officials. Should officials determine we are experiencing a community-spread of COVID-19, a determination about the status of school will be made. The decision to close school has many ramifications for families and we encourage you to start planning should a school closure be announced. If school were to close, the days would be made up at the end of the year. Our District (Pre-K-12) does not possess the capacity to provide distance-learning equitably to all students. Consequently, we will not adopt distance-learning should schools close as part of a COVID-19 mitigation response. However, we will provide suggestions for activities and resources for your family to consider.

We appreciate and understand the challenges families and the community face associated with this public health issue. We will continue to post information and communications regarding COVID-19 on the District's website. I wish to thank you for your understanding and patience during this dynamic public health challenge, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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