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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had some changes with COVID-19 since last I wrote to you on this matter. There are now 4 verified cases associated with CT residents and people who work in CT but reside in NY. The CIAC has canceled the remaining state tournament games and Gov. Lamont has taken emergency actions. Our focus remains on the safety and wellbeing of our students, families and staff members.

To this end, I have participated in meetings organized by Uncas Health District and Gov. Lamont. I will be participating in a meeting called by First Selectman Kevin Cwikla next week. Based upon the advice and recommendations I and other staff members have been receiving, we have decided that all out of state field trips planned for now through the end of April are canceled. We have not canceled any other field trips at this time. All school day and afterschool activities will occur as scheduled. Should this change, you will be promptly notified.

There has been no decision to close schools at this time. I want you to know that your Lebanon Public School educators have been working to develop a plan to provide alternative school sessions should we need to close schools. If we can implement alternative school sessions, we can apply to the state for a waiver to have the sessions counted as school days. If we close fully, without the alternative school sessions, missed school days will be made up in June. There is the possibility that April Break will be used to make up days. This depends on if/when schools are closed. More details will follow.

Families with travel plans during April Break should monitor the CDC and DPH websites for travel advisories or restrictions. We have added links to the CDC and DPH websites to our district website. You are encouraged to plan ahead for child care.

A reminder: precautions to prevent the spread of the virus remain similar to that of preventing the spread of a flu virus. Below is a list of common precautionary measures.

Precautionary Measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds – If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when sick

- Stay home for 24 hours after a fever breaks
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Again, all out of state field trips have been canceled through the end of April. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Angeli".

Robert J. Angeli
Superintendent of Schools

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