



Easton School Department



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Dear Parents of children of Easton Schools,

We are living during one of the most disrupted periods in our nation's history. Truly, these are way beyond extraordinary times!

The information I receive (hourly) from the Maine Department of Education, Maine Center for Disease Control and the Federal Government agencies changes rapidly, sometimes several times each day.

I encourage you to talk with your children about the pandemic, try to ease their anxiety as much as possible and know that EVERYONE at Easton School Department is doing everything we can to assist in our collective mission!

Education has been severely disrupted, yet staff have been working hard to provide some continuity for their students. They are using technology that we have never had to rely on before. There is a very steep learning curve for them, as there will be for your children and you as parents. It's far from a perfect solution for what we all consider "quality education", but it's at least a way for staff to maintain some normalcy for your children, even on an irregular basis. We are deeply committed to providing breakfast and lunch for any child age 18 and under.

I'm indeed grateful for the efforts of every employee of Easton School Department. I know that I speak for them in saying, they have NEVER worked harder and under more difficult circumstances at any time in their careers. This effort will not waver, even though we are most concerned about keeping everybody (students, families, staff and neighbors) safe and healthy until the potential impact of this virus has been mitigated!

We don't yet know when formal education will resume. What we do know is that the on Monday, Governor Mills issued an Executive Order that Maine is in a "State of Emergency" for (at least) 30 days. Therefore, schools will remain closed until April 17. With a scheduled vacation break the week of April 20, it is highly unlikely that resumption of classes would be until at least April 27.

During this time, staff will be working both on site (as necessary) and from home to help maintain an education platform for your children, regardless of grade level. Meals will continue to be served and buildings will be open for limited access following the Federal CDC and DOE most current guidelines.

Easton School Department will continue to provide bagged lunches and breakfasts that will be delivered or may be picked up at the Elementary School during the closure. Meals will also be available through the one-week vacation in April. Teachers will continue developing and distributing remote learning packets to students during the extended closure.

Candidly, things are changing rapidly but be assured of our commitment to provide for our students and families to the best of our abilities. Both I, and our Principals will keep you updated on a regular basis.

We ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER and WE WILL ALL PREVAIL TOGETHER!