



Veazie Community School

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April 2, 2020
3:00 p.m. EST

COVID-19 MEMO #7

REMOTE LEARNING EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As I am sure you are aware, Governor Mills has announced that beginning at 12:01 a.m. today, April 2, Maine residents will be prohibited from traveling outside their homes for all but “essential personal activities” and also ordered all schools closed for classroom-based instruction until May 1, 2020. This extends our current remote learning model of instruction until at least that date. All school employees are considered “essential employees” and will continue to safely travel to and from school in order to help your children to learn and grow while enhancing our capacity to provide remote learning. We will also continue to provide meal delivery with the same Monday/Wednesday schedule but are presently examining a once per week delivery for reasons of safety for all involved.

Grade Level Advancement:

I want to emphasize that students in good standing will move to the next grade level for the 2020-2021 school year, as would normally be the case. All receiving high schools are committed to enroll our graduating 8th grade students, regardless of end of year circumstances. We are also exploring options for how we can creatively honor our graduating 8th graders should this closure extend through the remainder of the school year.

Returning Student and School Property:

We are presently cleaning out student lockers/cubbies and placing all belongings into clearly labeled plastic bags. Beginning Monday, during the hours of 8am and 2pm, we will have these bags set up outside under the school entrance canopy for pickup. We will bring unclaimed bags inside each evening and begin contacting parents towards the end of the week if there are items that have not been collected.

If you are concerned with how your child is doing emotionally, you can contact NAMI MAINE HELPLINE at 1-800-464-5767—Press 1. Please continue to use your children’s teachers as resources for support with remote learning. Do not hesitate to contact me personally should you have further questions.

Acadia Cares Parent Forum: VCS will be hosting a live Zoom session with Northern Light Acadia Hospital’s Chris McLaughlin, LCSW. Chris hosted our parent forums earlier this winter. He will share valuable information and resources on how to best manage your child’s anxiety, as well as offering ideas and suggestions that may be helpful in keeping your own parental worries in check during this unprecedented global COVID-19 crisis. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. Tonight’s parent forum details:

Thursday, April 2 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting Link: <https://emhs.zoom.us/j/9371670089>

Meeting ID: 937 167 0089

Thank you for your continued support. Please take care of each other.
Sincerely,

Matthew D. Cyr
Superintendent & Principal

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