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Dear Granby Public Schools Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you Governor Lamont announced to the State of Connecticut today that all public schools will remain closed through at least Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is news that no one wanted to hear, but the reality is that distance/remote learning will continue in the Granby Public Schools until that time.

As a parent of two elementary-aged children, I completely understand the hardship this announcement by the Governor places on families. There is no easy way to replicate teacher-directed classroom instruction in your homes. Simply stated, I know this is challenging for families. You are not alone and we will continue to work with families to the greatest extent possible. Our team will continue to strengthen our distance/remote learning plans every day to build more connections with families.

The Granby District Leadership Team has been planning for the possibility of an extended closure announcement by the Governor for the past 3 weeks. We have already been in discussions regarding what this means for the social and emotional well-being of students and staff, graduation, college and career planning, special education services, summer school, regression, remediation, promotion, retention, grading, credits, curriculum pacing calendars, budgetary impacts, etc. At this early stage, we do not have all of the answers, but will communicate with you when official decisions are made. The critical component in all conversations regarding how decisions will be made is grounded in what is in the best interest of children.

This continues to be a time of uncertainty and children may need support to process the current events. Please reach out to your school Principal if your child requires assistance from our support services staff.

Please be assured that the Granby Board of Education and the staff of the Granby Public Schools are committed to providing the best possible education for our students moving forward. Please continue to work with the staff and administration of your respective school(s) if you are having any issues.

As always, thank you for your support and partnership as we work through this most difficult time.

Respectfully,

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